



Clover Class
Spring 2020 Newsletter



We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year.

Topic

Our theme for this half term is based on the 'Roman's Rule' in which we will be looking at the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. This will be followed by 'An Italian Adventure', this will allow us to compare the geographical similarities and differences between Italy and the UK.

Reading and Writing

Your child will continue to bring home a library book and reading record. Please ensure you record in the record every time your child reads, this can be signed by either yourself or an older sibling who has listened to the reading. We are keeping a close track of the amount of times your child is reading at home and awards have been given to those who have reached the milestones. Accelerated reader is used to check the understanding of the book they have read, it also helps us track their progress and will allow us to recommend the appropriate books for them to read.

Over the next term we will be writing for a variety of purposes such as persuasion text and Roman Myths to instruction and information texts. We will continue to learn how to use a range of punctuation and grammar features accurately.

Maths

The first half of the term will be will working on multiplication and division, we will be looking at different methods to solve both word problems and calculations. We will continue to build our knowledge on length and perimeter.

By the end of this term we will have covered all of the times tables we need to cover this year and will look at consolidating our learning. We will have covered 4, 6 and 8 times tables.

P.E

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. It is vitally important that children follow the school P.E dress code. Their kit should consist of black school polo P.E shirts (now available through the school website link) and black shorts/joggers/leggings or white t-shirt and black bottoms. For outdoor PE sessions, the children should ideally have a tracksuit, particularly in the cooler weather, and appropriate outdoor footwear. Outdoor PE will take place unless the weather is extreme, so please make sure your child has plenty of layers, hats and gloves during the colder months. If your child forgets their P.E kit they will still be expected to join in with the lesson but unfortunately will lose minutes of their next playtime. Their PE kits are expected to be in school from Monday to Friday. Hair must be tied back for PE and all jewellery removed (or covered). Children who repeatedly do not have the correct PE kit will receive a purple slip as it is part of their responsibility to make sure they have the equipment they need to participate in sports and games safely. **This term we will be swimming on a Tuesday, please ensure swim kit is sent in with your child every Tuesday.**

Wider curriculum

As well as the already discussed learning, children will also be taking part in Science (magnets and forces), RE (People of God), DT (textiles), computing (online safety) and music (glockenspiel) lessons.

Homework

Mathletics will continue to be set for each child every week with homework set every Wednesday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. In addition to this, children will be given weekly spellings to learn and are expected to be learning their times tables as well as reading their books at home. Children will also continue to receive a half-term homework project, this will be topic based and the children can present this in any way they wish. It is expected that all children will complete their homework otherwise they will be required to attend homework club or they will receive a purple slip if incomplete.

General

Uniform – Please make sure all items of uniform and equipment, including bags, are clearly names. Long hair should be tied back and short hair should be sensibly cut. Appropriate school shoes must be worn.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs Harwood at the end of the school day. Your support is very much appreciated.

Mrs Hilless and Mrs Harwood

