



**St John's Mead CEVC Primary School**  
Spring Term 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and thank you for your generous Christmas gifts, they were very much appreciated.

As you are probably aware our topic this term is 'Rotten Romans'. We hope the children enjoyed our 'WOW' day on Monday. In our topic work we will be covering the following themes:

- Who were the Romans and the Celts?
- Why did the Romans come to Britain?
- What did the Romans do for fun?
- What did the Romans eat?
- Who were gladiators?
- Designing and making a chariot
- Weaving and mosaics

Please feel free to share this topic with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with their class. We have planned a trip to the Corinium museum in Cirencester on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, including a workshop on 'Everyday Life' as a Roman. There will be a chance during this topic for you to join us for a Roman presentation one morning.

In Literacy we will be writing shape poems; instruction texts linked to Romans and doing a unit on Myths and Legends. This term we are focusing on sentence structure and handwriting. In RE we will be learning about Creation stories and caring for our world in the Hindu, Islamic and Jewish faiths. Our PSHE units will be 'Going for Goals' and 'It's good to be me'. In Maths this term we are having a big push on problem solving (using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) including money and measures. We find that the children really benefit from any practical maths experiences at home, whether that is adding up coins to pay for items in a shop or weighing out ingredients when cooking. Please check how secure your child is at telling the time using both digital and analogue clocks. They need to be able to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and use 24 hour clock and extra practice at home will really benefit them.

PE is on Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including daps or trainers on those days and earrings are removed. We will be going swimming this term and another letter will follow shortly, providing you with more information about this.

Our library day is Monday. Please ensure your child has their books on that day so that they can be changed. Maths games will be handed out on Monday and returned the following week.

This term's homework will include: reading, practising spelling patterns (a letter will follow), maths games, number clubs and topic homework. A big well done to all the children who have completed every piece of homework so far, I hope other children will have made a new year's resolution to complete their homework in 2015! As you know, our homework complements and reinforces their school work and helps the children make better progress at school; it is also a good habit to encourage as this will help them in the coming years when they get increasing amounts of homework. Please come and see me if your child is reluctant to complete their homework as I am happy to have a chat with them.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Carr