



St John's Mead CEVC Primary School
Spring Term 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We 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 2nd 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 multiplication tables, which will be evident in their number clubs, please continue to support your child with these. Children will be tested every Monday. We find that the children really benefit from any practical maths experiences at home, such as 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. They need to be able to tell the time from an analogue clock, to the nearest minute including using Roman numerals and 24 hour clocks. Any extra practice at home will really benefit them.

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday, although during the weeks we have swimming sessions it will just be Thursdays. The last swimming session this term will be on Tuesday 27th January. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including daps or trainers (that fit) on those days and that earrings are removed and hair is tied up.

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 Friday and returned the following week.

This term's homework will include: reading, practising spelling patterns (a separate letter has been sent), maths games, number clubs and topic homework. Well done to all the children who have completed every piece of homework so far. We have been very impressed with the time and effort that has gone in to their homework, thank you for all your support in this.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Wilson and Mrs R Clarke