The Romans January 2016

This term our topic will be The Romans. We will investigate who the Romans were and why they invaded England. We shall compare English soldiers and Roman gladiators, find out about Boudicca, and compare food, houses and baths then and now. In our Art and DT sessions we will design and make shields, explore mosaics, bake Roman style bread and make clay pots.

In maths we will continue to develop our number skills - reading, writing, counting, adding, subtracting, sharing and multiplying and using and applying number bonds. We will also work on 2d and 3d shapes, measuring length and weight and handling data, including using Venn diagrams.

In literacy we will be listening and responding to stories then retelling them in our own words. Stories will include Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Little Red Riding Hood. We will learn how to identify and understand characters and events, linking these to our own lives and experiences. We will compose and write simple sentences and guestions. Every day we will have a phonics session,

earning and using these sounds in our writing. We shall also work on letter formation and the correct joining of letters.

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Our science this term will be on forces. We shall describe how to use pushes and pulls to make things speed up or slow down or change direction. We will make measurements and undertake investigations, saying how we made our comparisons fair. We will use words related to movement, eg twist, spin, swing, slide, swerve, hop, jump, turn, fast, slow, push and pull. In RE we are going to ask the question: What do Jews remember on Shabbat? We will learn about Shabbat at home and at the synagogue, and find out about special food and ceremonies. Towards the end of term we will be finding out about Lent and Easter and asking why it is so important for Christians. Mr Ward will continue to teach PE on a Tuesday afternoon, but please can PE kits be kept in school at all times. Thanks. We will restart Outdoor learning in the summer term.

Please do come and speak to me at any time.

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