

Interventions

Your child will be sent home with an intervention letter. It is strongly advised that your child attend 2 intervention sessions per week to help improve his/her creative writing skills in literacy and arithmetic skills in numeracy. The interventions will be available to all the children and normal enrichments will run on the days there isn't a session. In the lead up to SATs it is of the utmost importance that we support the children in any way that we can. Thank you for your support.

PE

Ibn Abass -Monday AM

Ibn Zayd - Monday PM

Bint Abee Bakr - Friday AM

Please ensure all clothing and uniform is clearly labelled.

Homework

Your child will be sent home with a reading comprehension booklet each week. This is to improve and aid your child's speed and fluency in reading as well improving his/her reading comprehension skills. Let your child read and answer the texts independently but it is imperative that you mark it together.

Olive Library!

The Olive library will open soon and your child will be bringing home a library book. Please encourage your child to read and return the book on time.



Olive School

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2016



Romans

This half term, our topic is Romans

The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We have started the term by learning about Explanation texts (Penguins). We will move on to studying Non- Chronological Reports (Romans) and Traditional Tales (Sleeping Beauty). The children will be focusing on the layout of non-fiction texts and the writing techniques used within them.
- **Numeracy** - This half term we will be focusing on developing our addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division skills. We will also be learning about money, time and fractions. The pupils will be concentrating on using and applying different strategies to problem-solve.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Forces and Motion'. We will learn about different forces and how they act. We will be investigating the effects of forces on different objects and how to record data.
- **History** - We are learning about the Romans and how they changed Britain through the development of the English language, to adding laws and to making the very roads we walk on!
- **RE** - We are having a 'World Faiths Super Learning Week'. We'll be exploring Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Judaism and comparing them to Islam. We will be reading about the fascinating lives of the Buddha, Guru Nanak, Ram and Sita as well as the Prophet Muhammed (SAW).
- **PSHCE** - We will look at 'Rule of Law'. And how law governs the state. We will compare some of our laws to those of the Romans.

What you can do to help:

- **Literacy** - Please spend time reading some information books about the Romans to your child. Encourage your child to use a dictionary and a thesaurus to discover the meanings of new words and to apply alternatives when they've exhausted certain ones e.g. beautiful, happy, nice, big and small. Also encourage them to write their own non-chronological reports about different topic e.g. the Celts, the Romans, Blackburn, London etc.
- **Numeracy** - Work with your child to explore the concepts of money and measures (time, weight, length capacity). Not only will they be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide through these but it will also give them a chance to problem-solve in real life.
- Bake something together- measure the ingredients.
- Count the money in your moneybox.
- Start giving pocket money each week- encourage saving.
- **Science** - Look at toy cars, balls and other objects and how they move when being pushed or pulled. Can we see the force? Or can we see its effects? How do we know forces exist? How do paper planes fly? Explore these questions together.
- **Geography** - Read about the Roman Army or, if you're looking for something fun to do on a weekend, visit the Roman Museum in Ribchester to explore the different artefacts.

End of KS1 Assessments

There will be a parent workshop during this term to give advice to parents on how they can support their children during the End of KS1 assessments (SATs). Please attend, as the teachers will be advising you about the strategies you can use and how you can help at home to prepare the children for their assessments.