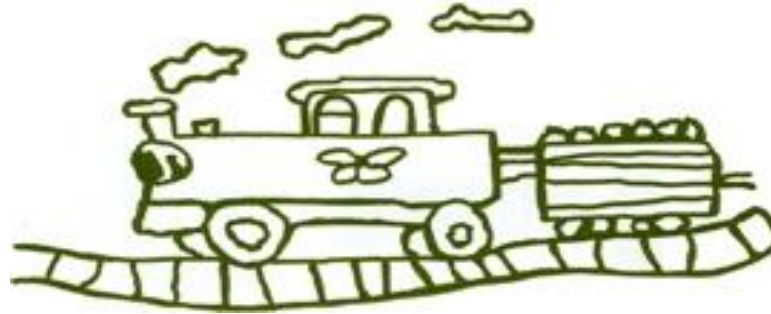


# Grange View C.E



# First School

Welcome to this half terms  
Topic Information letter for  
Chestnut and Willow Class

**Miss Conroy, Mrs Metcalfe and  
Miss McQuade**

**Mrs Cessford and Miss Clapperton**



# Journeys: Rotten Romans

Summer Half Term (2)

## Numeracy:

**Year 3** - We will be learning fractions and Geometry this half term. As well as building our varied fluency skills, we will be developing our skills in problem solving and reasoning.

**Year 4** - This half term, we will be learning about fractions and decimals and moving onto money. We will be developing our problem solving and reasoning skills alongside our varied fluency skills.

## PE - Games

In preparation for Sports Day, the children will be learning and practising a range of athletic style sports and activities as well as developing their football skills with our coach.



## Science - Materials, planting

Our big theme this term is Romans as part of the 'Travellers Tales' umbrella, which provides a great context for testing our materials for strength and durability both in battle clothing and catapult design.



Additionally, we will be in our Forest Area planting a Roman Herb Garden to use for Roman medicines and even eating Roman food using the Forest School Fire Pit. As well as learning about the difference between weeds and plants and the indicators of plant pollinators now our plants are growing.

## Literacy

### Reading

During this half term children will read in a variety of situations throughout the week at school in a shared whole class session, in a small group guided session, one to one with an adult and also independently. The children will look at a range of stories during carpet time

### Writing

The children will write in the following genres;  
Persuasive texts: Children will be writing a battle cry to persuade their own village to join them in a battle.

Explanation text: Children will look at examples of explanation texts and create their own. They will focus on sentence structure in target writing, as well as continuing to work through their spellings in a weekly test.

### Speaking & Listening

We will taking on the role of a Roman soldier and continuing with our word power words.

## ICT -Data logging

Using the chromebooks the children will be learning how to log data and why we use data. They will learn how computers can use special input devices called sensors to monitor the environment. They will also be collecting their own data which they will plot and analyse.

## RE -



### **How do different religions support communities?**

This term we will be comparing religious lifestyles and looking more closely at Muslim families and events in the lives of Muslims.

### **Music - Recorders Tuesdays**

As part of our Music connections, the children have been learning to play the recorders.

Since September, our recorder teacher has been coming into school each week and teaching us. We have learnt lots of rhythms and have started to read music.



### **MFL - French -Time**

To support with their time telling in maths, the children will also be learning the basic phrases for telling the time in French! This will include the seasons, days of the week, months as well as general times throughout the day.



### **PSHE - 'Health and Wellbeing'**

Year 3: We will be learning about how to stay safe and what to do in an emergency. We will also be learning about Medication and the importance of not touching them unless told so.

Year 4: We will be learning about how humans grow and change over time, including physical changes in puberty, menstruation and the importance of hygiene during puberty.

### **Geography / History - The Romans!**

Our main theme is learning about the Romans, hence the children will be studying the Roman Empire, the rulers, soldiers, and life about Claudius. There will even be opportunity for the children to recreate their own Roman battle on the school field!



### **Art/ DT - Making helmets and catapults**

Within the Roman topic, the children will be using paper Mache to create and decorate their own Roman Helmets in small groups. They will be able to use these helmets in their Roman battle on the field. As well as design, create and test in the forest their own groups Roman Catapult.



## Homework

**Reading** - Children will have their books changed each Friday if it has been fully read. Please remember to make a note in the yellow reading diary so that we can keep a record so we can celebrate the children's reading with certificates.

**Spellings and Times Tables** - Children will be given differentiated spellings to learn for their weekly spelling test on a Friday morning. Please help your child as much as possible learn these words as they will help with their confidence and fluency as both a reader and writer. They will also have a specific times table to focus on within Times Table Rock Stars - the participation so far has been excellent and shows great improvements in the pupils speed.

**Maths / English Homework** - Children will be given some Maths homework on Mathletics each Friday that needs to be completed by the following Friday morning for class dojo rewards. The maths homework is usually linked to the work they have done that week in Numeracy and should be appropriate for them to complete independently.

Thanks for your help and continued support

## Summer Weather Preparations (Sun wear)

As the weather theoretically improves throughout the summer term, please ensure your child has sun cream on and a hat to protect them from the heat. Thank you

## DIARY DATES

10<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Enterprise day (which is also photograph day ☺ )

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June Y4 and Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June Y3 sports day afternoon 2.30pm

28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June - SEND transition visits for those going to JCSC

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Chantry Transition for those going from Year 4

7<sup>th</sup> July - Whole school transition day / Y4 transition day for those going to JCSC.

Also possible Archery session for both year groups week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July - TBC

## Swimming

As in our previous half term, swimming is still not going ahead due to COVID. We will update you if there are any changes to this.

## Forest School / PE Kits

Classes will be using the forest area whenever possible and particularly Thursday afternoons, we have waterproof trousers which we provide for each child but please ensure that their wellies are in school so that are comfortable.

PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday, so please ensure that they come to school in their PE Kits.

## Home Time

If you need to change the usual arrangements for picking up your child from school, please let school know as soon as possible. As you will understand we cannot allow children to leave the school premises unless we have permission from parents or carers.