



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to this term's curriculum letter within which you will find useful information for you to assist your child in their first term in Year 5.

Reminders:

- Your child's P.E. kit needs to be in school all week, from Monday.
- For the first half of the autumn term, they will need trainers. After the half-term break, they will need football boots (for work on the field) and trainers (for work on the playground), shorts, a t-shirt, and spare PE socks. The P.E. kit/games kit will be sent home every Friday to be cleaned. As the weather gets colder, the children are allowed to bring in a plain, dark-coloured tracksuit.
- The children will also need a named art apron – or old shirt – in school all week. We do activities involving pastels, painting, clay and modroc and the children will need something to protect their uniform and keep it clean.
- Home Learning is usually set on Friday and is usually due to be returned by the following Wednesday. If you have any issues with any of the tasks or activities set, please do let me know.
- Every week, the children will bring home spellings. There will then be a spelling test and a times tables test, usually on a Monday.
- We will test the children on the quick recall of their times tables each week. They will be working through their new Times Tables booklets and working on Verbal Reasoning problems when the booklets are completed. Please encourage your child to keep practising using the TT Rockstars website. Regular practise of these at home is **absolutely essential** for improving and maintaining speed and accuracy of recall – again, thank you for your continued support with this.
- Regular reading continues to be essential – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to continue to make progress. This could include your child's school reading books, newspapers, magazines, comics, recipes or non-fiction books.



Meet The Teacher

This term, we have made short videos to introduce ourselves to you without the need for parents to come into school. The Year 5 video is available to watch at:

<https://youtu.be/KwoSQm3R1uY>

Contact

We know how important it is to be in regular communication with you as parents, sharing information to ensure we can each support them both at school and at home. I am available for short conversations before school and for longer conversations after school, and will aim to make myself visible and available outside the Year 5 classroom each day. Please feel free to say hello!

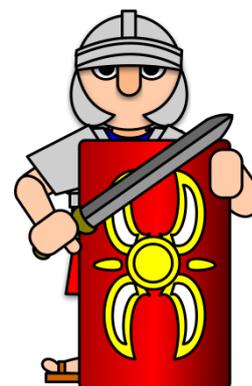
Now that parents have more access to the school site again, we would kindly ask that email is no longer used as the primary contact point for teachers. Should you need to contact a member of staff via email, we ask that these are now directed to office@jys.org.uk who will forward your message on.

This term:

This Autumn term is set to be an exciting one. We will be learning about “Invaders” (The Romans in Britain). The children will have an on-going input into their learning regarding this topic and they will also choose how to present more of their work this term.

Our Invaders topic has History as its main focus but will also link to Literacy, Maths, Geography, Art, Computing and D&T. There will also be many exciting experiences for us to look forward to, including:

- We will be making our own Roman shields and learning how the Romans used them to protect themselves in battle.
- We will be learning about the Roman history and geography of Chichester and the surrounding area.
- We will learn how to put on togas.
- We will learn about the legend of Romulus and Remus.
- We will learn about Roman onagers, before designing and making our own.
- We hope to be having a ‘Roman Day’, (date tbc) with the children dressing the part and bringing in shields that they have made.
- We intend to organise at least one Roman trip out to Fishbourne Roman Palace or The Novium (or both!)
- We will also be looking at the play, “Julius Caesar” by William Shakespeare.



Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- useful websites might include http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans_or or <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>;
- visit the local library;
- useful books to read include non-fiction texts about the Romans, Celts, Boudicca, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings;
- develop your child's mental maths with some quick-fire questions based on times tables (and related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers.

Finally, do you know anyone who...

- has a model of a Roman onager?
- has a suitable DVD on the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons or the Vikings that we could borrow?
- has the time to come in and help us with some art work, cooking or with trips? If so, please do let me know!

Myself and Mrs Corderoy are looking forward to a fantastic year, fingers crossed for an uninterrupted and healthy one!

Best wishes,

Mrs Cooke