

YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1



Google Classroom - We will be using Google Classroom frequently to share any updates or provide extra homework to support our learning in class. Please ensure your child is logging in weekly.

Topic- Our topic for this term is The Romans. Our enquiry question is: 'How did the Roman Empire leave its mark on Britain?'. We will be learning about the everyday lives of men, women and children during this period as well as the different events and developments that took place. We will also be analysing a range of primary and secondary sources on the Romans and investigating the Roman's legacy in Britain.



English - This half term in English, we will be developing our writing skills through various texts. Our main text will be *High Rise Mystery* by Sharna Jackson from which we will be enhancing our writing by embedding clauses, varying our sentences and uplevelling our vocabulary. In spelling, we will be learning suffixes, prefixes and our statutory spellings and we will be consolidating these through handwriting (letter join). During guided reading, we will continue to explore the *High Rise Mystery* story. Towards the end of the half term, we will be reading *Pride: The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*.



Maths- Our focus this half term will be place value to 1,000,000. We will be using our skills in exchanging through practical and written methods. We will also consolidate our understanding of Roman Numerals and work on addition and subtraction on numbers over 4 digits. We will continue to improve our maths skills by working on reasoning and problem-solving questions.



Science- In Science, our chemistry topic will be Properties and Changes of Materials. We will learn through practical scientific methods, processes and skills by exploring thermal properties, the reversible changes of materials and the relationship between structure and function.

PE- We will be swimming this half term as well as learning to play basketball.

5AB and 5MJ will both have swimming on **Wednesday mornings**.

5AB - PE session **Wednesday pm**

5MJ - PE **Friday am**.

Please make sure your child has their Swimming/PE kit on the correct day.

We are looking forward to a great half term ahead. Thank you.

Alex and Max.