



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: Saturn Year 4

Teaching team: Mrs Landen, Mrs Choules, Mrs Harding, Mrs Wetherell, Mrs Brannigan, Mrs Norton, Mrs Maundrell

Curriculum News — Spring 2016 Topic: Romans

English

Spelling Focus: topic words and patterns of prefixes and word endings.

Grammar Focus: Use the ed-ing-ly strategy to start sentences in a variety of ways. Improve sentences by adding adjectives, adverbs and powerful verbs. Organise writing with paragraphs and a range of connectives. Introduce clauses and use fronted adverbials (e.g. Later that day, ...). Use direct speech in stories and check writing with a dictionary. Understand the difference between plural and possessive 's' and how apostrophes are used for possession.

Reading: Conclude reading the Year 4 text: The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas. Stories from other cultures. Reading poetry which create images. Information books related to the Romans topic.

Science

Electricity

- Children will identify appliances that run on electricity.
- Recognise common conductors and insulators.
- Build a simple, series circuit (including a switch) naming the components and using the scientific symbols to represent it within a diagram.
- Identify whether a lamp will light by looking at connections completing the circuit, considering the viability of the lamp and cells.
- Use knowledge of circuits and switches to devise a Quiz Board.

Animals Including Humans

- Identify and know the functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions.

Suggestions to support learning at home

- Try to keep the daily spelling routine going
- Keep practising times tables using different approaches. Regular testing continues.
- Visit Winchester City museum to find out about Roman Winchester.

Maths

Learning all times tables with a quick response and use with corresponding division facts.

Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

Use mental methods to solve problems.

Using written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication to answer a range of problems, including money.

Recognise, use and order fractions and decimals to 2 decimal places.

Measures – comparing and converting different units of measure e.g. kilometre to metres.

Geometry – properties of shapes, co-ordinates and translating points in first quadrant.

Interpret and present data in a variety of ways.

Foundation subjects

History: Romans

- describe the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain,
- study of Roman Winchester
- find out about the legacies left by the Romans

Art: 3D work – clay and mosaics

DT: Door stops (Textiles), Roman structures

RE: The teaching of Jesus, Shrove Tuesday, Good Friday

PSHE: Risks and pressures, It's My Body

ICT: Coding/computing – programming, word processing,

PE: Gym (Spinning and Turning) Dance: War

Games: Tri-golf

Music: Samba drumming

French: self and family, numbers and shapes, colours, weather, France (geography and culture) transport

Events

- 24th February Trip to Fishbourne Palace
Details in letter to follow.

Any parent able to help on trip should speak to Mrs Landen or Miss Whiteman.

Messages

SEWING DAYS

- Parental help with sewing to complete the doorstops would be gratefully appreciated. Dates for sewing: 5th, 6th, 12th 13th January.
- Please bring in an art overall
- Saturn PE/Games is Thursdays and Fridays
- Please come in and chat with Mrs Landen if you are able to offer help to the class.