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Welcome to Year 5

We hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to all the things we have planned this year. We are very excited to start our first topic which is **The Roman Empire Strikes Back!** This year we will be changing the way that we deliver our topic based lessons and allowing the children to become independent in how they present the topic. This will result in a fantastic display of the children's work which you will all be invited to come in and see at the end of the term half term).

We have been very busy organising a fantastic trip to Chester to provide an exciting introduction to the topic of the Romans. During our trip we will have the opportunity to become authentic Roman soldiers, complete with marching exercises and defensive work with our shields! The children will have the chance to explore the Heritage Museum and discover how the city of Chester was once a hive of Roman activity. The full details of the trip and payment requirements are on Parent Pay.



Our Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; focusing on understanding and applying the four number operations, understanding the place value of numbers and developing reasoning and problem solving skills.

In English we have already started our lessons using the music video 'Titanium' by David Guetta. The children are thoroughly engaged with this topic and we are very excited to see the writing outcomes.

In Science we are kick starting the year looking at forces, this will link to our Roman topic and allow us to explore the use of catapults!



Homework

Children will continue to receive weekly homework. This will be set on a Friday and will consist of a spelling list, a piece of English work and an online maths activity. The maths activity will be through Mathletics. Please help your child to be prepared and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary every Friday.



Keep encouraging your child to read daily. It is essential in both developing fluency and expression. Children should now be confident with all their times tables so should challenge themselves on TimesTable Rockstars to be the best pop star they can!



Swimming & PE – Istanbul and Moscow will have swimming on Tuesdays. Both classes have outdoor PE on Friday. Children should take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. It is suggested that children with earrings leave them out for that day.

Water bottles – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Stone & Miss O'Keefe

