## Y4 Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous gifts, they were much appreciated. This term the children's learning will be based around a whole school writing project and the topic Roman Britain. The following table gives a brief overview of what we aim to cover during the first half of the Spring Term. The activities are voluntary to enhance learning opportunities at home if needed.

|  | Curriculum covered this half-term | Optional suggestions for home-learning |
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| English | Spelling: <br> 1. Words ending in '-sion' <br> 2. Words ending in '-ous' <br> 3. Words ending in '-ous' inc those where 'ge' from the base word remains <br> 4. Words ending in '-ious' and '-eous' <br> 5. Common exception words <br> Writing: Diary writing linked to the Romans and whole school writing project. <br> Whole School Writing Project - Persuasive letter This is a whole school writing project and all writing lessons in classes YR-Y6 will be based on this topic. <br> Reading: Please ensure that your child is reading every and completing any home learning activities connected to reading. <br> Handwriting: <br> We will be continuing with our joined-up handwriting and be focusing on the size and orientation of letters. | Please encourage your child to use a range of punctuation in all of their work. We would like to encourage children to read a wide range of materials for pleasure, and to get in the habit of using a dictionary to check unfamiliar vocabulary. Even if your child is a fluent reader, we would recommend they continue to read aloud with expression and discuss themes and conventions in their book. <br> What is a subordinate clause? I Oxford Owl (youtube.com) <br> This explains what subordinate clauses are. <br> Please support your child in presenting their homework neatly and taking pride in it; for example, underlining the title and date and using a black ink pen or a sharp pencil. |
| Maths | Times tables, factors, short multiplication and division and multi-step word problems related to multiplication and division. Children MUST practise tables for 5 mins daily. | https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student /20219 <br> https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7- <br> 11-years/times-tables <br> http://www.abcya.com/roman numerals.htm |
| Science | We will be finishing off our electricity unit and starting a new topic on Solids, liquids, and gases. | Electricity - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize Solid, liquid and gases - BBC Bitesize |
| Computing | Audio and podcasts Online Safety: Online relationships | https://hourofcode.com/uk/learn |
| History | Roman Britain Big question: How did Romans change Britain? | British museum - room 49 Museum of London |
| PE | Gymnastics, Health \& Fitness and Swimming |  |
| Art | Print making and textiles Looking at art forms: Tie Dye and Weaving | Look at images of Traditional Kente cloth and the works of the artist Gilbert (Bobbo) Ahiagble. <br> You could also read the story - The Spider Weaver by Margaret Musgrove and Julia Cairns. |
| PSHE | Dreams and goals |  |
| RE | Judaism: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? | Judaism - KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize |


| Music | Continuing with playing the Ukulele with Mr. <br> Kitching. Children will be learning how to develop <br> chords |  |
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| Mandarin | Transportation: <br> Sentence pattern: I take a bus. <br> Weather and date: <br> Sentence pattern: It is snowing. |  |

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.
With best wishes,
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