

## Tropical Birds, Year 3 and 4

Spring 2 2019

I am a Warrior



### Literacy

This half term we are focussing on *The Selfish Giant*, this will also be the play that the children will be performing this year. *The Selfish Giant* was written by Oscar Wilde and the story has an underpinning Christian theme of redemption and kindness. This will be explored by the pupils who will be focusing on descriptive language with a grammar focus of adjectives and adverbials. We will continue to focus on stories with morals and meaning through Aesop's tales, which will allow pupils to use inference techniques to identify the meaning of the story. This will continue into learning about Romulus and Remus, which links to our Roman theme. We are looking at creating a newspaper report on Romulus and Remus where the pupils will learn about the features of newspaper and journalistic style of writing.

### Maths

In year 3 we are exploring fractions from ordering fractions, fractions of shapes and adding fractions. We will then be applying our fraction knowledge to word problems. We will be focusing on learning about both analogue and digital time, learning about the units of time and using this information in calculations.

In year 4 we are looking at fractions, from adding, subtracting and converting improper fractions extending it into number line for ordering which then lends itself to decimals. We will be also converting between fractions and decimals. Pupils will learn how to order decimals by recognising the value of the amount by applying place value knowledge. We will also be covering area, which will revisit multiplication.

### Curriculum foci

**Geography: To understand where Rome is in relation to Italy and the UK**

**PSHE: Healthy Me - looking at healthy eating and hygiene**

**D&T and ART:** As part of our Roman theme we will be designing and making our own shields, tablets and mosaics which will form part of our Roman Day

**History:** We are studying the Roman empire and its impact on Britain

**RE: We are focussing on the question- Should believers give things up?**

### Home Learning

This term we are focusing on spellings, times tables and reading daily. When reading with your child please record this in the diary provided. Ensure that you ask lots of questions about what they have read. Spellings and times tables will be sent out on **Friday** and returned on **Thursday**.

Please encourage your children to practise times tables daily as this underpins maths.

## **Reminders**

All children need to have their P.E kits in school **every Monday and take them home on Friday**. Library books also need to be in school on your child's library day so that they can be changed regularly.

PE for all Tropical Birds will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Year 4 pupils will have additional PE on a Thursday afternoon while Year 3 continues their swimming sessions on Thursday afternoon

## **Roman Day - 2nd April**

To celebrate the end of our topic we are having a Roman Day. We are asking for pupils to come to school dressed as a Roman, although we urge you not to go out and buy costumes but to create a toga with a sheet!

Pupils will be experiencing what it is like to be drilled like a roman soldier, making their own wax slates for school and making their own mosaics.

## **Snacks**

Children may bring in a piece of fruit, some vegetable snacks, dried fruit or a fruit bar to have at morning break but please do not send in anything which contains nuts due to allergies within school.

## **Important Dates for your diary:**

13<sup>th</sup> March – Hummingbird assembly

28<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 3/4 Easter performance

28<sup>th</sup> March – Stay & Play session

29<sup>th</sup> March – Ladies afternoon

29<sup>th</sup> March – Family Bingo Night

2nd April - Roman Day

4<sup>th</sup> April – KS2 Easter service at St Mary's Church

5<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Return to school after the Easter break

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Ryan, Ms Rusnakova, Mrs Robinson, Mr Ripley and Miss Hovath.