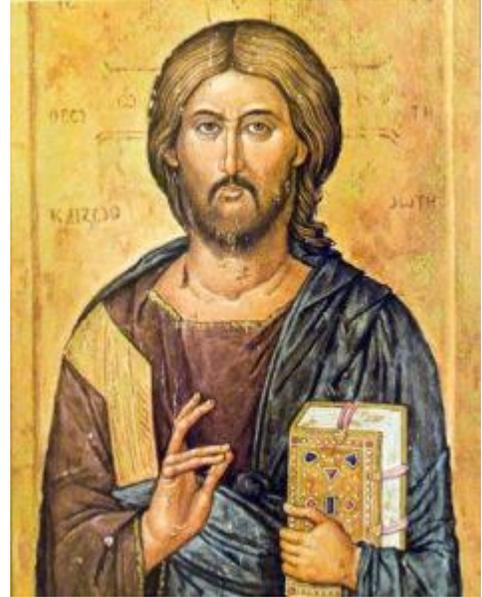


Polar Bear class

Romulus and Remus



Who is Jesus?



The Romans

Living things and their habitats



Summer Term 2017

Information for Parents of children in Polar Bear class

Year 4

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The English topic this half term is the roman legend of Romulus and Remus. We will be reading, studying and performing parts of the story. The romans will be our main topic for the term and we will be learning about them in History and making roman mosaics and shields in Art. We will continue to spend time reading other poems and you can help your children to learn the poems they will be given by heart. Our RE topic is 'Who is Jesus?' in which we will be looking closely at Jesus' words and deeds in the gospels. Our science topic this term is 'Living things and their habitats' and we will be doing plenty of outdoor research in our local garden and parks.

All of the learning has been specifically designed to help your child achieve the skills outlined in the new national curriculum. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups.

Please discuss with your child the learning they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

General Reminders

Punctuality wait with children at gate

School starts at 8:55am. The class register will close at 9.00 am.

Children arriving after 9:00am will receive a late slip which they need to hand in to their class teacher to show that they have been marked in at the office.

If children arrive after 9.00 am they will be marked as late in the register. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time every day, we start our learning as soon as the day begins.

Absence

Please ensure that you contact the school to notify them of any absence from school and the reason for this. A phone call on the day is always appreciated.

Jewellery

For the safety of your child please ensure that they do not wear hoop or drop earrings, necklaces, rings or bracelets to school. Children will be asked to remove such items when at school. Small stud earrings are allowed.

P.E

There will now be a double PE session on Tuesdays for Polar Bear class.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week. Please ensure the PE kits are taken home each Friday to be washed and returned to school the following Tuesday.

Labelling Clothing

Please ensure that **all** clothing is labelled with your child's name. We cannot be liable for lost or misplaced clothing that is not clearly labelled.

School lunches/Packed lunches

Please try to ensure that your child does not change their lunch option in the middle of the half term. This causes confusion for the office. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure that the food provided includes healthy options and forms a well-balanced lunch.

Breakfast

Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast and has a good start to the day.

Bedtimes

It is so important that your child goes to bed at a sensible time. A good nights sleep will ensure they are ready energised and ready for learning.

Helping your child to learn ... How you can help?

English

- Reading records

Reading journals and books should be brought to school **every day**. It is important that you read with your child at home **every day**. Ideally you should try to read with your children for 20 minutes every night.

Regular practice is the key to achieving greater confidence and fluency in reading as well as continued enjoyment.

- Spelling

The words below are common words, which your child will need to know, even to tackle very simple texts. Learning these words early will help your child develop pace and accuracy in their reading and writing at an early stage.

There are many simple ways that you can help your child to learn these words at home. For example you could...

- Read the words to your children as well as listening to them reading to you.
- Display the words around the house. This could be done by making labels to stick on cupboards, fridges and doors
- Play games like snap and matching pairs.

Year 4 spelling list

accident(ally)	forward(s)	potatoes
actual(ly)	fruit	pressure
address	grammar	probably
answer	group	promise
appear	guard	purpose
arrive	guide	quarter
believe	heard	question
bicycle	heart	recent
breath	height	regular

breathe	history	reign
build	imagine	remember
busy/business	increase	sentence
calendar	important	separate
caught	interest	special
centre	island	straight
century	knowledge	strange
certain	learn	strength
circle	length	suppose
complete	library	surprise
consider	material	therefore
continue	medicine	though/although
decide	mention	thought
describe	minute	through
different	natural	various
difficult	naughty	weight
disappear	notice	woman/women
early	occasion(ally)	
earth	often	
eight/eighth	opposite	
enough	ordinary	
exercise	particular	
experience	peculiar	
experiment	perhaps	
extreme	popular	
famous	position	
favourite	possess(ion)	
February	possible	

Maths

One of the most important elements in maths learning is for your child to have a clear understanding of numbers.

This includes them being able to ...

- Understand the value of digits in numbers up to the thousands
- Know all the different ways to make a total of 100-for example; $65+35 = 100$ (number bonds)
- Time Tables - Children should know all tables to 12
- Use the column method for addition
- Use the coulumn method for subtraction
- Use short multiplication
- Use short division

It would be helpful if you could practice these skills at home with your child, revisiting these activities regularly to secure your child's understanding.

By carrying out these simple activities you will be providing a huge boost to your child's learning and progress over this coming year.

Home Learning

Home Learning is outlined below and will be set each Friday for return on the following **Thursday**.

Pack of home learning

- Daily reading at home using books from home or school recorded in their reading journal with parental comments and brought to school every day.
- a piece of English home learning - linked to the learning covered that week.
- a piece of Maths home learning - linked to the learning covered that week.
- Spellings and Handwriting - for the children to learn. The children will need to know these for a weekly test on Thursdays.

Timings of the day

8.55 - 9.05	Early morning learning
9.05- 9.20	Collective Worship
9.25 - 9.55	Reading/Guided reading
10.00 - 10.55	English
10.55- 11.10	Playtime
11.10 - 12.10	Maths
12.10 -12.45	Spelling/Grammar/French
12.45 - 1.30	Lunch
1.30 - 2.45	Science/RE/Topic
2.45 -3.00	Story time
3.00	Home time

We hope this pack gives you a clear understanding of what your child will be doing this term. We appreciate your support and if you need to discuss any matters with us, please feel free to ask any questions. Thank you.

Mr Wood and Miss Stockwell