

PE

PE gets off to a splash with swimming starting this week (Jan 17). It's then back to solid ground with tag rugby on Thursdays. As I am sure you appreciate, these activities require different outfits. With the weather turning colder, please make sure your children have warm P.E. clothes for tag rugby and don't forget a coat on swimming days.

Please ensure that all of your children's clothes are named.

Art Sketching Club

This will run from January 2017. This will be split into two clubs of five weeks duration. We will be looking at all aspects of drawing with an emphasis on colour and colour mixing. Please ensure that your child has an apron as it can get messy!



**Roman-Owl
Juniors
January-March
2017**

Topic

This term we are looking at the Celtic Tribes of Britain and the Roma Invasion of AD 43. The children will explore Celtic and Roman life including a museum visit day in February where we will create a Roman Breakfast served by slaves!

This topic will involve art, design and technology, mathematics, English, ICT and science.

Mathematics

The main areas covered this half-term will be mental and written addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals, measures and data, (specifically metres and millimetres, grams and kilograms).

Times tables and mental recall will be tested each week in 50 Club (usually on Friday's) and all children should know number bonds to 20 (such as $17 + 3$) and by the end of Year 4, number bonds to 100 ($48+52$).

We will be looking at fractions of numbers and objects as well as negative numbers through temperature changes.

English

Our main grammar focus this term will be:

- Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause - compound and complex sentences.
- Learning how to use commas after or before phrases and clauses.
- Using pronouns to avoid repetition or ambiguity and to add clarity and cohesion.

Reading

Children will be reading every day at school by themselves and at least twice a week with an adult. Please encourage your children to read at home and remember reading doesn't always have to be books. A great many children love flipping through the pages of encyclopaedias and gleaning little bits of knowledge. Magazines, comics, newspapers are also good reading material.

Spelling

Spellings will be given to the children every Monday and tested the following Monday. This gives you and your child the option of learning them on a school night or at the week-end.