

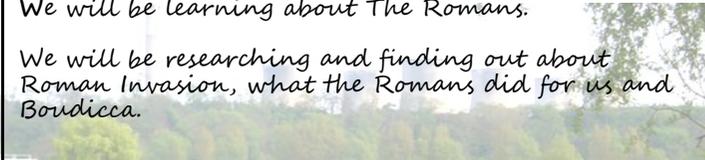
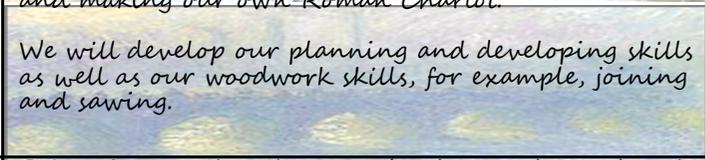
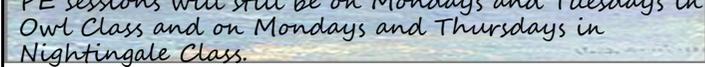
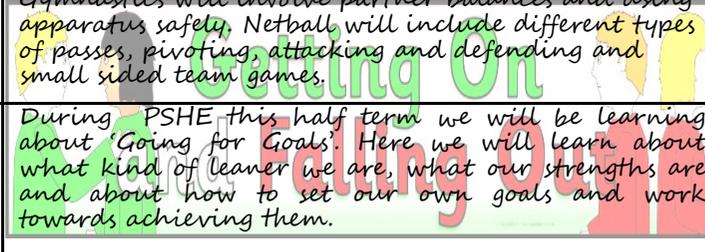
Year Four

Parent Newsletter Spring 1 2016

Miss Leivars
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Welcome back after the Christmas holidays!
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the next half term.
Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	<u>Learning Challenge—The Romans</u>
History 	<p>We will be learning about The Romans.</p> <p>We will be researching and finding out about Roman Invasion, what the Romans did for us and Boudicca.</p> 
Design and Technology 	<p>As a link to our History lessons, we will be designing and making our own Roman Chariot.</p> <p>We will develop our planning and developing skills as well as our woodwork skills, for example, joining and sawing.</p> 
PE 	<p>PE sessions will still be on Mondays and Tuesdays in Owl Class and on Mondays and Thursdays in Nightingale Class.</p> <p>You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry and you are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep you warm. If, for any reason, you are poorly or unable to do PE you will need a note from home before you are excused.</p> 
PSHE 	<p>Gymnastics will involve partner balances and using apparatus safely. Netball will include different types of passes, pivoting, attacking and defending and small sided team games.</p> <p>During PSHE this half term we will be learning about 'Going for Goals'. Here we will learn about what kind of learner we are, what our strengths are and about how to set our own goals and work towards achieving them.</p> 

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English 	<p>May the Force be with you! We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by studying a range of Genres. The first being Narrative (Science Fiction), where the children will be working on Star Wars. After that, they will be reading and writing poetry and focussing on the endings of stories.</p>
Mathematics 	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Four.</p> <p>Please join us for our Maths Workshop on the afternoon of Tuesday the 26th January (see separate letter for more details).</p> 
	<p>As scientists we will be thinking about Sound and how Sound is made. We will be finding out all about our ears and how they work.</p> <p>Solid, Liquid and Gas</p> <p>We will develop the scientific enquiry skills of; setting up simple fair tests, isolating variables, predicting and suggesting improvements, deciding which information to collect and the best way of collecting it and drawing simple conclusions.</p>
Computing 	<p>We will be developing our computing skills by using the first two weeks to research information about Roman Chariots to link with our History and DT. After that we will be learning about Data Retrieval and Organisation.</p>
RE 	<p>As Theologians we will continue to focus on the Christian faith, specifically studying the question 'Why is Easter so important to Christians?'</p>
French 	<p>As linguists we will be 'Racontes-moi une histoire' (telling a story). Children will learn the story/play of Sleeping Beauty. They will also learn 10's numbers to 100.</p> 

Please see over for information about homework and

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child. Homework might also include questions to investigate as well as more traditional pieces such as spellings or times tables. Ideas for additional games you could play with your child are included in the 'Fluency' leaflet.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Please make sure you know your Times Tables!
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	A mixture of work tasks and questions to investigate in the form of a project. To be returned to school for checking on a Wednesday.
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	 Spellings—for following Friday Maths given Friday to be returned Wednesday
Friday	15 minutes reading	

Reading

Your reading book must be in school every day. You are expected to change your book regularly. Please ask the people you read to at home to initial your Reading Record after you have read because it will be checked. You should write the title, author, start and completion date and comment in your Reading Record – not the people at home who look after you!

Personalized Projects

This half term your child has the opportunity to conduct a project on The Romans. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation. Please refer to the leaflet for details.

Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular newsletters will be sent with important dates.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn – details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term.

The Year Four Brooklands Team