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Focus: Making a slingshot car

The children will work independently to produce an accurate, functioning car chassis and design a suitable shape. They will attempt to reduce air resistance through the design of the shape. The children will then conduct a trial accurately and draw conclusions and improvements from the results.

Music

Focus: Samba Drumming

We are incredibly lucky this term to have the opportunity to learn to play the samba drums. We have a music teacher coming into school every week and look forward to seeing the children's musical skills progress.

French

Focus: Birthday celebrations

This unit will focus on the similarities and differences between birthday celebrations in France and in England and writing birthday wishes in French.

PSHE

Focus: Dreams and goals

This unit will focus on hopes and goals and looking at how to achieve your goals and also how to deal with things not working out. We will also be looking at how to celebrate others achievements.

RE

Focus: What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?

We will continue our learning on Sikhism this term beginning with a recap on our learning so far. We will then look at the Sikh holy book and the Gurdwara. Then we will conclude with looking at Sikh values and teachings.

PE:

Focus: Swimming and Dance

This term Roses' will be having swimming lessons every Wednesday afternoon. The children will need a swimming hat and if you would like them to wear goggles, please fill in the form sent via the office.

Computing

Focus: Spreadsheets

This unit will introduce the children to spreadsheets including entering data into cells, creating a table of data on a spreadsheet, using tools in a spreadsheet to automatically total rows and columns, collecting some simple data and use a spreadsheet to interpret it and creating pie charts and bar graphs.

English

Class Reader: The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood

Key texts: Queen of Darkness Boudica's army will rise by Tony Bradman

Purpose for writing: Diary and persuasive advert

Writing: We will be looking at the features of both diaries and persuasive writing and working towards creating our own diary linked to our text and a persuasive advert for a Roman soldier.

Reading: Our whole class reading will be based on our class reader and include wider curriculum reading. We will focus on all comprehension skills including fluency and understanding a range of vocabulary.

Grammar: We will continue our work on subordinating conjunctions, tense, speech punctuation and fronted adverbials.

Spelling: We will practise our spelling patterns 4 times a week in school learning rules and patterns and continuing to use phonemic awareness to support.

We would love to see the children using spelling shed at home to practise the weekly spelling patterns to embed their learning.

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Maths

KIRFS: Year 3 → 4 x table and related division facts

Year 4 → 7 and 9 x table and related division facts

Multiplication and Division

We will continue to develop our multiplication and division skills. This will include factor pairs, multiplying 2- and 3-digit numbers and dividing two- and three-digit numbers.

Length and Perimeter

This unit will focus on measure, mm, cm, m, and km. We will focus on finding the perimeter of a shape and begin to look at area.

Times tables:

The children will continue with daily Times table practice in school and would benefit from as much time as possible practicing at home.

History

Focus: The Roman

This unit will look at the Roman invasion of Britain including the building of Hadrian's Wall and the reasoning behind this. We will focus on the life of Boudica and look at her struggles with the Roman army.

Alongside this we will look at the daily lives of the soldiers in the Roman army and what made them so successful.

General

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and I wish you all a happy new year!

Homework:

- Daily reading (please record this in reading records)
- Daily times table practice on TT Rockstars or multiplication.co.uk or playing times table games
- Spelling practise on Spelling Shed
- KIRFs

Snack: The children are very welcome to bring a healthy snack fruit/veg/healthy snack bar etc... in for morning breaks.

Water bottles: Please continue to send named water bottles each day.

PE days will now be **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**, please could the children **come to school** in their PE kit on a Tuesday and bring their swimming kit (including a hat) on a Wednesday. If you would like your child to wear goggles, please could you ensure you have completed the form sent via the office.

Please feel free to come and see me in the playground before school or at the classroom door after school if you have any queries. Alternatively, email the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Mrs Gresham

Science

Focus: Physics-Electricity

This term we will be focusing on electricity. This will include looking at everyday electrical object, making and testing circuits, identifying conductors and insulators, and discussing electrical safety.