

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. This term our topic is called 'Were the Romans really rotten?' and is a history based topic with a focus on the development of the Roman Empire. Towards the end of the academic year, we will be holding a Lower Key Stage Two Roman day, please look out for further information nearer the time.

CAFOD FUNDRAISING

Before the Easter break, you will have received your child's sponsorship form for our CAFOD challenge: Run a mile every day for a week! Please ensure that the children are collecting their sponsorship money. We will be holding the daily marathon every day from 29th April – 3rd May. Please see the separate letter for more detailed information on this, including the opportunity for parents to come in and watch us complete the event on Friday 3rd May.

MATHS

In Maths this term, your child will be building on their knowledge of geometry, in particular co-ordinates and symmetry. We will also be looking at fractions in greater depth and converting measures. At home we would appreciate you working on recalling times tables facts whenever possible (they are expected to know all multiplication tables up to 12 by the end of Year 4). We would also appreciate you working with your child on telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks. In your child's Maths homework book is their Timestables Rockstars login, please encourage them to use this regularly.

ENGLISH

Your child will start the term focussing on the story of the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. We will explore features of ancient myths and retell this myth in our own words. We will also be looking at persuasive writing and trying to persuade others to join the Roman army!

SPELLING

At the start of term, we sent home a spelling list with 5 words to learn each week. These words are from the National Curriculum LKS2 spelling list and your child is expected to spell them from memory by the end of Year 4. We will be testing the children on these each week so please revise them at home.

RE

This term we will be looking at Easter, the Eucharist, Pentecost and Prayer. We will also be preparing for our Lower Key Stage 2 Mass on Wednesday 12th June.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and is to be handed in by Monday of the following week. The homework will consist of a Maths and English task that will consolidate work covered in class.

Please encourage your child to read at home each night and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together.

All reading records should be brought into school on a daily basis, even if your child is now a free reader. We would like the children to keep a record of what they're reading inside and outside of school.

PE

PE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. St Mary's outdoor tracksuits are available for purchase from the office.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled clearly to aid in a speedy return of any lost items. Just a reminder that your child should have indoor shoes in school.

GOLDEN TIME

Golden Time reinforces the positive reward systems we have in place at St Mary's. It has continued to be very successful this year, with the children thoroughly enjoying the range of activities available for them to choose from each week. If you have any ideas for Golden Time activities which you would like to lead with a group in school, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st May – Life Education Bus visit

Wednesday 12th June – Lower Key Stage Two Mass at The Immaculate Conception

As always, if you have any queries, worries or concerns, please come and speak to me before or after school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clark.