



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a great half term holiday. There may be disruptions ahead but we have all worked hard to get to grips with the Google Classroom platform and we are in a good position to manage learning remotely should it be needed.



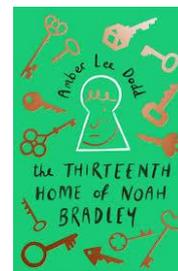
Topic

In our topic lessons this term will build on the work we did last half term about The Romans. We will still be on considering the impact of the Romans on Britain, as we ask ourselves "What did the Romans ever do for us?" This term we will be considering Warfare: Boudica and rebellion; Local History – Ilkley and the Manor House; Daily Life – Clothing, food, money, entertainment; Mosaics and Aqueducts; the role of women vs now and then; Religion and gods - Christianity and the Roman Empire.

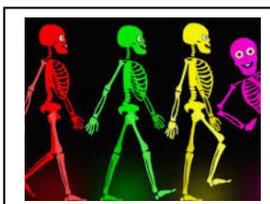
English

This half term our class book is called 'The Thirteenth Home of Noah Bradley'. Set in the real world, but full of supernatural events, it is the story of a family trying to resolve a family curse. The author is Amber Lee Dodd's and if your child enjoys the book they might also enjoy: We Are Giants and Lightning Chase Me Home. We will be developing our inference skills, how to answer reading questions and developing newspaper reports and biographies inspired by the book.

I will send out this half terms Spelling Bee for this half term. We will run a Spelling Bee competition towards the end of term. Please practise at home with your child.



In **Maths** this half term, we will focus on division before moving onto fractions. Please remember your child can use the TT Rockstars website (they all have logins) to practise their timetables at home.



The **Science** lessons this term, will be continuing to learn about our bodies. We will learn about the skeleton, muscles, digestive system and circulatory system.

Then we will start to study light. We will consider how light travels ie in straight lines to the eye; colour wheels and spectroscopes; investigating what factors effect the size of a shadow; refraction and periscopes

PE will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits.

French: Year 6 will continue with work on regular verbs and their endings. Drawing on healthy food vocabulary from September, the children will then learn to take part in an informal market stall dialogue, in which they will ask for quantities of fruit and vegetables in kilos, offering payment in Euros. Once complete, the dialogue will be performed in pairs to the rest of the class. Time permitting, we will spend a little time talking about 'Noël' and 'les traditions françaises.'

Music: Current guidelines and advice for the teaching of Music mean that we will only be using musical instruments every three weeks, but we will be using recorders every lesson. We will still be using the Charranga web scheme as well as finding time to practise some of the songs for Young Voices which has been postponed until June 2021.

Early Morning Learning: We plan to meet with every pupil for 1:1 feedback on a rolling basis, during which time pupils will complete daily arithmetic, reading roles and Grammar and Punctuation activities. Additional support will also be planned into our class provision map.

HOME LEARNING:

- **First News:** Every week this will be sent home and pupils should complete the questions
- **Write at Home:** Every week we will send out a short writing activity to do at home
- **Family Arithmetic:** Every week have a go as a family at the family arithmetic problems
- **Book exchange:** Children will select a book on a Monday, keep in school and return it for quarantine on Friday. Books will be returned to book area and new books chosen on the Monday.
- **Autumn term project:** This will be posted on Google classroom each week as Topic Home Learning. We will not be able to have a homework gallery in the classroom, but we have been celebrating the work in class and have been very impressed with the standard and creativity of the work submitted.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Hand Sanitiser and Hand Cream

Part of the school routines include frequent handwashing. In addition to this, children may bring and use their own hand sanitiser. This should be in a named bottle and kept with your child's personal belongings. If your child begins to develop sore hands because of the frequent washing they can have a small bottle of hand cream. Again, this should be named and kept in their school bag.

Finally, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
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