

Dear Families,

It's been so lovely to see the children back after a busy half-term break! The Pumpkin Party was such a fun way to end last half term — thank you to everyone who organised and helped out and those who went the extra mile with costumes. It's nice to finally see all the face paint and tattoos washed off so we can recognise everyone again!

This week, we've started learning about biographies in English. Over the next few weeks, we'll be writing our own biography of Boudicca, which ties in perfectly with our History topic on the Romans.

We're also really looking forward to our **Roman Day trip to Murton Park on Tuesday 10th**. Children can come to school in their PE kits with sensible footwear and should bring a packed lunch. We will be setting off at 9am, so please get to school on time! We will be back later than usual, around 4:00pm. Therefore, there will be no Drama Den on Tuesday. Please remember to get consent forms and payments in if you haven't already — thank you!

We are still looking for some volunteers to help on the day - please contact the office if you can join us, thank you.

In Maths, we've started working on multiplication. Please keep practising on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) — little and often really does make a difference! Quick recall of times tables helps build strong maths foundations. The children know what times table they need to focus on this week. We will also be adding some optional maths homework on Tapestry, which links to what we're doing in class. You'll find it under "Documents" in the Y3/Y4 Optional Maths Homework folder.

In RE, we've been learning how to find passages in the Bible and are now moving on to our topic, The People of God. We'll be looking at the story of Noah and thinking about what God wanted us to learn from it.

Homework reminders:

- Children should have at least three reading diary signatures each week.
- Weekly spellings have been sent home as usual.
- We'll also be testing a short list of statutory spellings that were given out at the start of the half term (stuck in orange books). These words can be a bit tricky, which is why we spread them out across the term so they can focus on just a few at a time.

Times Tables Practice:
Children should know their TTRS logins (these are in their reading records if needed). Regular practice at home is really helpful.

- Year 3: Focus on the 3× tables
- Year 4: Focus on the 6× tables

We had a lovely visit from the Mind Mate team this week to discuss '5 ways to well-being'. The children were all engaged and enjoyed sharing their own thoughts.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr Sturgess & Mrs Miller