MEERKATS: NOVEMBER 2021



Welcome back to Year 4 for the second half of our 'I Am Warrior' Roman topic.

Welcome back

Welcome to the second half of our Autumn Term. It is great to see all of the children refreshed from their break and ready for another exciting half term in Year 4.

Book Week

Prior to the half term break, the whole school took part in Book Week with a particular focus on pirates. The week was a fantastic experience for everyone where we enjoyed sharing stories with each other while also creating our own. It was great to see the creativity and enthusiasm the whole class demonstrated throughout each task. We had great fun during our author visit and were able to create our own sea shanty, which we performed to the rest of KS2. They worked hard to produce work and create a wonderful display!

I Am Warrior!

We will be continuing with our fantastic topic this half term where we will be studying the importance of the Romans and what they gave to the world. We will also be researching famous emperors and how they managed to rule over so many places. We will also be looking at Roman gods and goddesses, gladiators and the lives of rich and poor Romans.

The Curriculum

We will begin this half term by focusing on multiplication and division in maths; whilst in English, we will be commencing a new novel 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be completing lots of reading and writing based activities around the story. We will also complete some poetry work

and a non-fiction unit of work: Biographies. Elsewhere across the curriculum, we will be enhancing our keyboard and computer skills as we research and write our own reports, while also introducing the children to a new programming format as we use Logo in our Computing lessons. During Science lessons this half term, we will be working through the unit of 'Living Things and their Habitats'. On a Tuesday morning we will continue to practise our guitar skills. Mrs. Wheeler will also continue her weekly Italian lessons.



<u>PE</u>

Our PE lessons will continue to take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. With the weather getting colder it is extremely important to have a suitable outdoor kit that includes jogging bottoms. Pupils have been excellent wearing their kits to school and using

earring tape when jewellery can't be removed. This should continue this half term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Thursday and is to be returned to school by the following Tuesday at the latest. It is vital that pupils complete all homework to the best of their ability as it is an important way of consolidating learning and preparing for the following week's learning.

Additionally, all pupils should be reading as often as possible; as well as learning their times tables in preparation for the end of term times table test and learning their weekly spellings. If in any doubt about the homework set, pupils can speak to a member of the Year 4 team before it is due in for extra support and quidance.



Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of all pupils and their continued hard work.

Wishing you and your families good health,

Miss Vaughan and the Year 4 Team.