



New Forest School Summer 1 News Letter

Welcome back

A very big welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are ready to return for another fun filled term. Our curriculum theme this term is THE ROMANS.

It was once again so lovely to see the smiling faces of our wonderful children returning to school on Tuesday and bringing with them the sunshine!

As you are aware, our planned parents evening was unfortunately disrupted due to COVID last term. Those of you who have not yet managed to get time with your child's teacher, please do contact them and arrange a meeting, I know some of these have already happened this week as face -2 -face and via TEAMS.

I am pleased to introduce, and welcome to our team - Loren Ockelford, KS2 teacher. Loren has been a qualified teacher for seven years and has been a head of year in her previous setting. Emily Dowling, class tutor and Owen Cassell LSA, who have been with us since January, are also full time staff.

Transition

We are now entering the final summer term. The year is certainly flying by, and this does mean that there will be changes, as we approach the end of this academic year. We will be supporting all our students in any transitions to new class groups, as well as those who are ready to move on to the secondary provision. We will also be welcoming new students, as they transition to us this term.

My staff will of course keep you updated and informed of any changes that will affect your child. If you have any concerns, please do contact the school and speak to Kami, Tracey or myself.

*Thank you as always for your ongoing support,
Jean Gammon*

Summer Term Curriculum

This is a taster of our Summer term topic...

From takeaways to motorways: What did the Romans do for us? This is a question we intend to explore this term in KS2. In science our focus is forces, and investigation - using contexts such as chariot racing and Roman roads to test friction; aqueducts and Roman baths to explore water resistance and upthrust; and an ultimate KS2 Tug-of-War, to prove the balance of forces. With the theme of Horrible Histories, 'Ruthless, Rotten and Rebellious Romans' (our class names for this term), provide our class texts, where, through a range of non-fiction genres - we will be playing with power of words, sentences and essentially - humour! We will even be writing, performing and video editing our very own Horrible History sketch - Terry Dreary would be proud! With the help of our Mosaic art and design topic this term; in Maths (after we've conquered Roman Numerals), our learning turns to geometry, including angles, shape, sequences and pattern. As a history topic that drives all our subjects this term, we will also be exploring the Roman Empire; invasion and the impact on Britain; and key characters such as Claudius and Caesar, questioning just how effective their ruling was...

After half-term, still under the umbrella of Romans, our topic title is: Escape from Pompeii... Here we take a trip back in time to CE 79 and experience the last epic eruption of Mount Vesuvius, learning about the lives, legends and myths that surround this historic event, and the people of Pompeii. As a true 'force of Nature', we explore the physical geography of volcanoes, including plate tectonics, and in Science we test physical and chemical changes of state. Did you know the Romans made concrete out of lime mortar, ink from soot of burning candles, and evaporated salt from the Cheshire Hills? In art and design we will study Andy Warhol and his Volcano pop art, and our maths focuses on money, measure, time, volume and capacity.

This aims to be a fun-filled final term, with Romans not looking quite so Rotten or Ruthless!



We want to share our huge congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Chris Kelly who successfully completed the Southampton Marathon in under 4 hours!!!!. He has raised £410 for our charity **Tiny Tickers** which is absolutely fabulous.

Our pupils have decided to try and run their own marathon, running a mile each, in their own time (to be completed by Friday 13th May). Staff will help with the outstanding miles!

This will be a sponsored event which is not compulsory, but should you wish to take part, we would be really grateful if you take some photos of their efforts. These will be displayed in school only.



Thursday 27th April was the 10th birthday of the Daily Mile run, and the majority of our pupils ran 27 laps of the school playground which is equal to a MILE. For their epic efforts the children modelled the latest fashion statement - the Daily Mile pink t-shirt! Well done...

Wednesday After School Club

Clay Modelling

(Summer1)

Grounds and Garden Project

(Summer2)

PE

Athletics
And Tennis



School Values:

Teamwork, Resilience, Enjoyment, Engagement and Self-Confidence