

Opal Class Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Opal Class. It's great to be back in the classroom with the children. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting and encouraging them as we progress through an exciting and productive year. The children are also very pleased that Miss Almond will be teaching them again this year.

Topics

Our topic for the first half of this term is '**I am Warrior**'. The children will discover warring Britain, meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar and find out what the Romans did for us. They will have the opportunity to design and make a shield and a helmet. In art they will investigate mosaics.

Not forgetting science, the children will begin to look at Living Things and their habitats. They will be encouraged to work scientifically as well as learning subject matter.

For the second half of the Autumn Term our topic will be Potions with the main focus being science (States of Matter). The children will discover the amazing and magical world of potions and their properties.

P.E.

For the first part of the term our days for PE are Thursday and Friday. We will have outside coaches later on in the term, and when this happens, we will let you know in advance of the change in days. *Just a polite reminder - earrings to be removed and long hair tied back. Thank you.*

Homework

Homework will be given out on Wednesday and due in following Monday. To begin with, homework will be online with some paper based activities given out when we can safely do so. The children should be working on Year 4 Autumn 1 spellings or their own words as provided. Maths work is accessed via the MyMaths website and tables can be practised using the Times Table Rock Stars website. We will ensure that the children have all the login details they need. A grammar activity linked to current class work will also be included where appropriate.

If you are unable to access any of the computer based homework, then let me know and a computer will be available in school for the homework to be completed.

The Accelerated Reader programme will continue this year. The children are currently being assessed and will soon know their band levels ready to choose appropriate books and begin to complete their first quizzes in Year 4.

If you have any queries and/or concerns please let me or Miss Almond know.

Regards Mrs A. Read Class Teacher