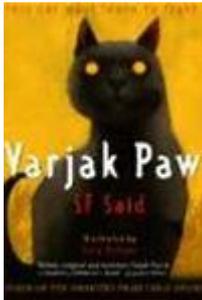




Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year! Our topic this term is called 'Where in the world?' and it has a mainly geography focus. We will be looking at Italy through our work in history and Mexico in our International Week. This is due to take place from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February. As part of our history, we will be learning about the Romans with a visit to Bignor Roman Villa planned for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. There will be more details on this closer to the time.



As this is a short term, we will be reading one main text for guided reading and using it for some of our writing in English. The text is 'Varjak Paw' by S.F. Said and you are more than welcome to provide a copy for your child to use in school. One of our pieces of writing will be a character portrait of the main character in this book and another will be a letter written from this character to another. We will also be writing persuasive speeches about joining the Roman Army as well poetry and an informative text using what we have been learning in science.



In science our first topic is sound and then after half term we will be looking at plants. Finally, our art and design and technology is all linked to Roman architecture so that we can look at the Romans as great architects from history. This is also another reason why we are going to Bignor Roman Villa as it has a superb example of the hypocaust system the Romans would have used.



Please remember that our DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) is first thing on a Monday from 8.40-8.55am and it would be great to see you there to read with your child. PE is on a Tuesday every week and games is on a Thursday this half term and a Friday next half term. The easiest thing to do is to bring PE kits into school on a Monday and take them home on a Friday, that way they don't get forgotten. During the colder weather, the children can wear warmer clothes for their games lesson, which is the Thursday or Friday lesson but they must wear shorts and a t-shirt for gym and dance, which is the Tuesday lesson. Please refer to the 'School' tab of the school website and drop the menu down until you get to uniform. <http://eastergateprimaryschool.uk/our-school/uniform/>

Homework continues to be weekly spellings and tables as well as using Spellodrome and Mathletics. Please encourage your child to use this resource; it has really boosted their understanding in both maths and spelling. There will also be a topic or extra class work task set every week. It would be great if you could check your child's homework and write a comment about it. Please encourage your child to do their homework independently, although you can support them where necessary.

I look forward to sharing your child's learning with you and if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs Wendy Thompson

Class Teacher