

St John's Mead CEVC Primary School  
Spring Term 2025







Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you for your thoughtful Christmas gifts; they were very much appreciated.

As you are probably aware, our topic this term is 'Ancient Brits'. We will be covering the following themes:

- The use of wood, stone and animal skin during the Stone Age; particularly to make tools and weapons
- The development towards using metals during the Bronze and Iron Age
- The Invasion of Britain leading to Britain becoming part of the Roman Empire
- An evaluation of the reasons the Romans came to Britain
- Resistance of the Roman invasion, including a study of Boudicca
- How the developments during the Roman occupation, such as roads, have impacted life today
- What life was like in Roman Britain and what it would have been like to be a Roman soldier.

Below are some suggested activities that children can do at home to support the class work on our topic. Please send any work to school on the week of the due date when there will be an opportunity to share their work with the rest of the class and display work showing good effort.

<p>Design a weapon or tool that might be used in Stone Age Britain.</p> <p><i>Due 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</i></p>	 <p>The Romans wore togas. With a friend or family member, try to make a toga.</p> 	<p>Make an artefact for our Roman Museum.</p>  <p><i>Due 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</i></p>	<p>Use Dio Cassius' description of Boudicca (below) to make a 'wanted poster'.</p> <p><i>"She was a tall woman with piercing eyes and a loud voice. A great mass of red hair hung down to her waist. Round her neck was a large gold band. She wore a flowing tartan dress, and over it, a thick cloak fastened by a brooch."</i></p> <p><i>Due 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</i></p>
<p>What food did Iron Age people eat?</p>  <p>Draw a bowl of food and label the contents. Or Write out a menu of likely food.</p> <p><i>Due 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</i></p>	<p>If you can, bring in a photo of yourself wearing it.</p> <p><i>Due 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</i></p>	<p>Draw a picture of a Roman Soldier and label it.</p> <p><i>Due 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</i></p>	

This term's English and Maths homework will continue to include regular reading, practising spelling patterns, TTRS and practise of number clubs.

In English, we will be writing adventure stories inspired by 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and using our knowledge of the Stone Age to create survival guides. Later in the term, we will be exploring 'Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman and writing letters in role as Romans. We will be focusing on punctuating speech

correctly, using conjunctions to join sentences and using a range of fronted adverbials at the start of our sentences.

In Maths this term, we will continue our work on written calculation methods, moving on to division methods. We will also be studying measure including perimeter and area. Towards the end of the spring term, we will be studying fractions and decimals. Throughout this term, we will be focusing on children learning their multiplication tables. The aim is for all Y3 children to recall the multiplication and division facts of the 2x, 10x, 5x, 3x, 4x and 8x by the end of the year. For most children, their number club reflects where they are on this journey. Times Table Rock Stars are also set to the level your child is working at. Please continue to support your child with learning their times tables at home. Children will be tested every Thursday.

In RE, we will be examining different people's views on God and finding out how family life and festivals matter to the Jewish people. Our PSHE units will be 'Going for Goals' and 'Healthy me'. During Art, we will be developing our drawing skills and exploring printing techniques. All the children in LKS2 will be having weekly drumming lessons during terms 3&4, and we will be inviting you in to school to their drumming performance at the end of these sessions.

Gemini will continue to have PE sessions every Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on these days, with earrings removed and hair tied up. Our library day is Thursday. Please remind your child to bring in their library and reading book, including their reading record on that day so that books can be changed.

Key reminders:

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE Kit  (Swimming kit for last swimming lesson - 2nd April)	PE kit Drumming lessons Library book Reading book and reading record Number Clubs tested	Spellings tested

Thank you for your support.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me after school or message me on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S. Barker