



Higham Primary School
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Squirrels Class Newsletter Term 5 2025

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we begin this short but busy term, we're excited for all the learning and activities ahead. There's lots to look forward to, and plenty of new learning to explore. We are so excited that our Legoland trip can go ahead next term, the payment of £23 for the trip is now available to pay on Bromcom.



Topic

Children will discover when the Romans invaded Britain and the impact they had on the country. They will investigate how features of modern life can be traced back in some way to the Romans for example Roman roads and place names. They will study the life of Boudica, the Iceni Queen, and how she rebelled against the Roman invasion. Children will be able to make connections and compare the ways of life of the Roman people to those of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.



For their home learning project this term we would like the children to make a Roman Inventions poster- showing things the Romans gave us (e.g. roads, aqueducts, toilets, numerals or anything else you can find!).

Science

We will explore the parts of a plant. We will learn about seed dispersal, pollination and seed formation. We will carry out an investigation into the way water is transported within plants. We are also planting our own seeds to further understand what a seed needs to grow.



Maths

All children need to be practising their timetables (using TT Rockstars 3 x a week (10 minutes each time) including Studio levels for speed tests) and their number bonds (using Numbots – if required). Login details can be found in the front of their reading record books.



Spellings.

We will be continuing to use the spelling scheme 'Spelling Shed' the children have login details can be found in the front of their reading records. They will also bring a sheet home with them to support their learning of different spelling patterns. Don't forget, pupils also have a Spelling Shed account, that gives them access to the online games which will support them in learning the weekly spellings. We would like children to spend at least 10 minutes per week playing these games as it will really help strengthen their recall.



Spelling Shed

Spelling tests will take place on a Tuesday.



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PE

PE will take place on **Friday afternoons**. The children will be learning how to play golf this term! They will explore techniques to use over long and short distances, making connections their knowledge of throwing over different distances. They will have the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge in a range of challenges working individually and with others.

The wearing of earrings of any kind is not permitted for PE, including the use of earring tape. Please ensure all jewellery and earrings are removed before coming to school on PE days. We cannot take responsibility for the removal or storage of earrings. Recently a few children have had their ears pierced, if your child is wishing to have their ears pierced, please do this at the start of the summer break to avoid your child missing PE. Any child unable to do PE will be expected to complete written work within the lesson time based on what is being taught in that lesson.



Reading

Please encourage your children to read with you, daily, or ask them comprehension questions about what they have read in their bedrooms etc. Please also remember to sign to say that they have read their books and to which page. When they have finished a book, they can then take an Accelerated Reader test to check their understanding of the text – both house points and merits are up for grabs, each time they score 100% on a test.

Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child completes a quiz in school. You will also be able to find out how they are doing with their termly reading targets.

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6706259>

We have daily accelerated reading sessions in class, so it's vital that your child remembers to bring their book and reading record in to school EVERY day, along with their water bottle (named) and their morning snack in tub /pot which is clearly labelled with their name to help avoid confusion if they lose it at any time on the playground. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Graham and Mrs Sackley