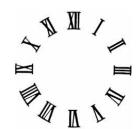
## KS2 Newsletter Year 3 and Year 4



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## Year 3

In <u>English</u> the children have just finished looking at a wide variety of texts to learn to write their own non-chronological reports about the Romans. These are now finished and they're amazing!

In <u>Maths</u> they have been working on place value learning about the units, tens, hundreds and thousands. They have been partitioning two, three and four digit numbers as well as rounding two and three digit numbers.

In <u>Science</u> the children have continued learning about plants and what they need to grow well. To test this, they have set up two investigations. Do plants need leaves to grow well? How is water transported in plants?

## Year 4

In <u>English</u> the children have been learning about the features of reports and are now beginning to their own non-chronological reports about the Romans (about whom they are becoming really knowledgeable), ensuring that they remember to write paragraphs correctly.

In <u>Maths</u> they are continuing to learn about place value and now moved on to learning to recognise and say the values of numbers with 2 decimal places (the tenths and hundredths places).

In <u>Science</u> the children have been learning more about classification and are now focusing on animals. The children are asking lots of wonderful scientific questions which they are eager to research and find out the answers.

Homework - The accelerated reader programming is up and running in each class and children are encouraged to read for at least ten minutes every night. Remember to complete sixty minutes of maths whizz every week too!

## **ICE** zone

This week the Roman villa has been finished, including a household shrine, so the children are beginning to use websites and a range of books to research different aspects of Roman domestic life especially which gods they worshipped. Most mosaics are now complete and the children have been busy practising how to read and write Roman numerals; there have been some really challenging calculations!

The children have been using their knowledge of three dimensional shapes this week, investigating how to build Roman walls, forts and other structures with the wooden blocks and experimenting to make them as strong as possible.

Outside the children have been making the most of the lovely weather and have particularly enjoyed creating natural sculptures inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy. They have co-operated brilliantly in pairs and small groups, using colourful Autumn leaves, sticks and other natural materials to make their creations, before photographing them for posterity!