



Year 4

Spellings: Mix of ones they have learnt so far.

Dear Parents,

Roman day was such good fun and the children got to experience so many different activities whilst they learnt new information. They started the day with trying some of the delights of a Roman breakfast, I was so pleased that lots of the children were open to tasting new foods such as dates and figs. After this, Mr Upton came in to share his wealth of knowledge on Ancient Rome with us. The children learnt so much and asked hundreds of questions. Next, they participated with a 'Testudo' formation (otherwise known as the tortoise) using shields, hand made by Mr Upton, and throwing paper balls at the shielding soldiers. I think one of the highlights of the day though, was that they got to make a catapult (much smaller scale than the Romans) and then fired small balls at me, Mrs Vennart and Mr Upton; this seemed to make them very happy! Lastly, the children learnt some Roman dancing. They were all great and I was so pleased with how they threw themselves into every activity.

In maths this week, the children were learning strategies to solve problems involving multiplying by 10 and 100. They learnt some easier strategies, but

needed to know why they are able to add a zero or remove a zero to help them. The children learnt that this would not always work when multiplying numbers, such as decimals for instance.

In English this week, the children looked at some famous nonsense poems, including 'The Jabberwocky' and 'The Walrus and the Carpenter' by Lewis Carroll; their favourite one was most definitely 'The Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. They really enjoyed learning that not all poetry has to rhyme or make sense. At the end of the week, they attempted to write their own nonsense poem. They were quite funny!

This week the children have some Purplemash home learning on e-safety, they have completed the learning around malware and have been set 2 activities to complete online.

Apologies for any confusion over the football boots. Although they didn't have to be in until Monday, if the children had them in last Friday they were allowed to wear them, mainly because the weather was very changeable. The children weren't expected to have them in at this point. On that note, could you please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each day, as there are still a couple of kits that have not come back from the half term?

Quick reminder, Woodland Learning is on Tuesday.

With thanks,

Mrs Ward and Mrs Vennart