



Middle School

Autumn Term 2020

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Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to see you all back safe and well after a very strange Summer term! We hope that you had a restful break and happy break and are ready to settle back into school life and all the exciting experiences that we have planned for you. We look forward to a term full of interesting learning and hard work.

Topic- The Romans

This term's topic comes under the heading of, 'What did the Romans do for us?' This topic is history based whereupon the children will be exploring artefacts, historical evidence and local events. They will be able to study different aspects of Roman life and their many ideas and inventions that we still use today.

Science

In Science we will be looking at two different units. The first being 'States of Matter' and the second 'Sound'. Both will provide opportunities for hands-on learning through experimentation and practical tasks to support the development of scientific knowledge and understanding.

If we have any parents or carers who are musicians and who would like to come in and speak to the children about how their instrument works- please contact the school.

Wider experiences!

Our school trips have become one of the most successful parts of our curriculum with children being able to utterly immerse themselves in the topic they are learning. This term, Years 3 and 4, will be inviting in a Roman expert to share their knowledge and expertise—after October half term. This will be held using a virtual platform and we would like the children to dress as a Roman. Please start thinking of simple costume ideas.

Home-Learning

Home learning continues to be an essential part of your child's learning and is set every Friday. Completed work is expected to be brought in the following Friday. Home learning consolidates work completed in school and prepares them for future learning. Activities include; daily reading (at least 5 times a week), weekly spellings, a grammar task, a maths activity and regular practise of multiplication facts including the use of Times Tables Rock Stars.

Thank you for supporting your children with this important part of their learning.

With best wishes for a successful term, The Middle School Team.

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- Full PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Book bag or similar with reading book, reading diary and homework folder.

Dates for your diary

Individual school photos- 12th October

Parent Consultations- 21st and 22nd October

Inset day- 2nd November

Half term holiday week beginning 26th October

Last day of Autumn term- 18th December

Inset day- 4th January

First day of Spring term- 5th January

Remember that lots of useful information can be found on our website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/calendar/action~month/exact_date~1567292400/request_format~html/

Our Newsletters

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/newsletter/>

Our Curriculum

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/our-children/>

Our Safeguarding

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

‘Love one another as I have loved you’ (John 15:12).