



Autumn Term 2022

Welcome Back!

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

Our Autumn Term 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 the 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, who would like to come in and speak to the children about how their instrument works - please feel free to 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 visiting Colchester Castle to support their learning about the Romans in the local area. This is sure to be an interesting and worthwhile experience.

More details to follow soon.

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), 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

Middle School Meeting for Parents – Thursday 15th September

Individual photographs – Tuesday 4th October

Inset day - Friday 7th October

Half term holiday week beginning 24th October

Inset day - Monday 31st October

Last day of Autumn term - Tuesday 20th December

Inset day - Wednesday 4th January

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

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Calendar

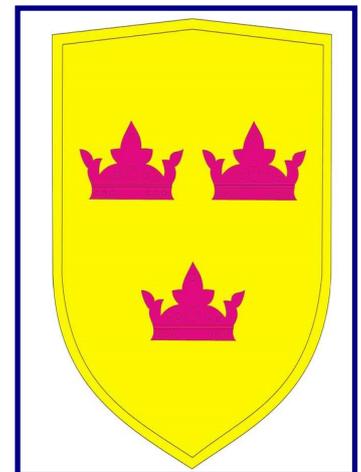
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Newsletters

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Curriculum

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Safeguarding If you have a safeguarding concern please:

Visit the safeguarding page of our website for advice, <https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding>

Email our safeguarding team - there is a direct link on our website (see above).

Read Essex County Council information available here, <https://www.essex.gov.uk/report-a-concern-about-a-child>

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