

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 5 April 2023

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the term ahead: some warmer weather and some fabulous learning opportunities across the school (such as the Road Safety Workshops on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May and Mental Health Awareness Week w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May.)

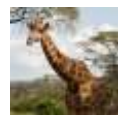
Please see below for more information regarding what your child will be learning this term and look out for your child's project Knowledge Organiser coming home soon.

Here is an overview of this term's projects:



### Nursery – 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'

In the Sunshine and Sunflowers project, your child will explore their local environment and see how it has changed throughout the year. They will grow flowers, fruit and vegetables in the garden area. They will learn how to care for plants and animals, identifying some different types. They will take part in outdoor learning activities and find out how to stay safe in the sun.



### Year R – 'Animal Safari'

In the Animal Safari project, your child will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. They will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. They will learn how to care for pets and what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. They will explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. They will compare the ways that animals are similar and

*Dates for your diaries:*

**Mon 6th May** – Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

**Mon 13th – Fri 17th May**  
Year 6 SATs Week

**Fri 24th May** – Term 5 ends  
(Usual finish times)

**Mon 3rd June** – INSET Day  
SCHOOL CLOSED

**Tues 4th June** – Term 6 begins

### PE days:

Year R - Tuesdays

Year 1 – Tuesday and Thursdays

Year 2 - Mondays and  
Wednesdays

Year 3 – Wednesdays and  
Thursdays

Year 4 – Wednesdays and  
Fridays

Year 5 – Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 6 – Tuesdays and  
Thursdays





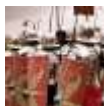
### Year 1 – ‘School Days’

In the School Days project, your child will have the opportunity to take part in a traditional Victorian class and will learn about the differences between schooling in the Victorian era and schooling today. They will learn about objects found in a Victorian classroom and how they were used. They will research Samuel Wilderspin, an important figure in the development of schooling for young children in the Victorian era, whose ideals are reflected in schooling today. They will learn to describe the passage of time through study of past, present and future tense vocabulary.



### Year 2 – ‘Magnificent Monarchs’

In the Magnificent Monarchs project, your child will learn about English and British monarchs from the past to the present day and consider how the power of the monarchy has changed over time. They will study significant sovereigns, including: William the Conqueror, Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.



### Year 3 – ‘Emperors and Empires’

In the Emperors and Empires project, your child will learn about the growth and decline of the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire. They will discover the absolute power of the Roman emperors and study the hierarchies of Roman society and the Roman army. They will study the first invasions of Britain in 55 and 54 BC and the **Roman conquest of Britain in AD 43. They will learn about Boudicca’s rebellion, Hadrian’s Wall** and the Romanisation of Britain, including how Christianity came to Britain and investigate the legacy of Roman Britain in our local area.





#### Year 4 – ‘Invasion’

In the Invasion project, your child will explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. They will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. Your child will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy. They will consider how we know about life in this period and investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial. They will learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death, before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066.



#### Year 5 – ‘Dynamic Dynasties’

Your child will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation. They will take a deep dive into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin. They will study oracle bones, learn about religious beliefs and explore bronze artefacts that set the Shang Dynasty apart from other civilisations. They will also study the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and discover who was powerful and who was powerless. They will look at warfare and find out how bronze technology gave the Shang Dynasty an advantage over their enemies. They will learn about the life of the great military leader, Fu Hao.



#### Year 6 – ‘Britain at War’

In the Britain at War project, your child will learn about the main causes of the First World War and which countries were the major players. They will investigate why so many men volunteered to fight and then sequence the events at the start of the war. Using various sources of evidence, the children will learn about life in the trenches and the consequences of new weaponry. They will listen to first-hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluate the impact of war on everyday life. They will also discover the events that led to the Allied Powers’ victory and the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles.

If you have any further questions, please ask your child’s class teacher.

Regards,

Mrs L. Bradbury

Deputy Headteacher

