



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Autumn Term 2021 – Years 3 and 4

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Years 3 and 4. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are pleased to see all the children back looking so smart and feeling so enthusiastic.



Our topic this term is Roaming Romans in which we will be learning about our local environment and life during Roman Britain. We have arranged for lots of exciting activities to support the work in which the children will be engaged, including a trip to the Fishbourne Roman Palace, Chichester on **Thursday 11th November**. These experiences will provide the children with valuable learning experiences by bringing the topic to life. We are also holding a WOW day on **Monday 18th October** in which children will need a Roman costume. The Rainbow Theatre will also be paying us a visit to bring this period to life through role play. The cost for both of these will be payable by SQuid, our online payment system. Details to follow.

If you have any topic related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let them be brought into school to show. We will take the utmost care of them!

PE

It is very important that the children have their PE kit (including appropriate footwear) in school throughout the week so that they can fully participate in these lessons. **Please ensure that your child's kit is named.** Earrings should be removed for PE and Games. Earrings should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining their exclusion.



PE days

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. The days that your child needs their PE kits are:

- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Monday & Thursday
- India Class (Miss P-B) Thursday & Friday
- Mexico (Miss Underdown) Tuesday & Friday

Homework



Children have a weekly maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic activity. The topic activities along with the due dates, are on the reverse of their termly spellings sheet, and may be completed in any order. All children will receive a homework book but we have also uploaded all of the homework tasks onto Google Classroom for any children who wish to complete their homework electronically. The majority of homework tasks should take **no longer** than 40 minutes and **it is fine to stop after this time**. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home.



READING

We would ask that all children do some reading daily. We would also kindly ask that your child's reading record books are completed by an adult at least once a week and handed into their class teacher on a morning.

MONDAY



'Book Bingo' is a reading initiative in Years 3&4 to encourage reading. This term sees 'Places and People' in which children have set places and people they need to be seen reading to/at. On achieving 'Bingo', the children will receive a certificate, a reading leaf and a housepoint. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to participate in this.

SPELLINGS

Instead of weekly lists, your child will be given a grid containing all of their term's spellings. We ask that it is put in a prominent place at home where they can refer to it on a weekly basis. Every Monday morning, they will be given their list of words for the week from which a range of spelling activities will be set. We have ensured that the activities are engaging in order to help the children learn their words. We would be grateful if your child can be in class from 8:40am to take advantage of this.

Class Assemblies

We are so pleased to see the return of class assemblies this year. These have now been reduced to one assembly a year. This term, **India class** will celebrate their work for family and friends on **Friday 19th November**, with **France** on **Friday 25th March** and finally **Mexico** on **Friday 24th June**.

Healthy Lunch Boxes



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a healthy packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.

Water Bottles



Your child should be encouraged to bring a clear named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class, these should not be used for squash or fruit juice. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.

Parental Help



We always appreciate parental help within school. If you can spare any time to help hear children read, help with art/ DT projects etc, please speak to your child's class teacher. All visiting adults require a DBS check. Please speak to one of our office staff who will be able to organise this for you. If you do have concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher or member of the team. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wellby, Mrs Stringer, Miss Pemberton-Bates, and Miss Underdown

