



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all had a well-deserved Summer break and are ready to start a new, exciting academic year.

During this first term, we will be starting our Big question for the year, as part of our Connections unit: 'Do invasions change countries forever?'. Our focus for term 1 will be 'The Romans' and considering the impact they had on the invasion of Britain. In History, we will be considering the main changes in a period of history, using sources as evidence to deduce information about the past and we will be describing the beliefs of the past. During Geography, we will be using grid references (four figure grid references and six figure grid references), we will be describing and understanding the interaction between physical and human processes. In Art, the children will be creating a Roman Bust out of clay, applying their clay skills.

Our class read is going to be 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman, and this will also be our focus for our Guided Reading Sessions. We are all really excited to begin reading this book and continue to encourage our love of reading- keep an eye out on a following letter about reading at Edenham. We will be focussing on the 'VIPER skills' during these sessions.

Our writing focuses will link to our Big Question with us producing a biography in English all about 'Julius Caesar' and also writing an explanation text based on 'Roman Roads'.

In Maths, our main theme for this term will be 'Place Value'. We will be representing numbers using different Mathematic equipment, rounding, comparing, ordering numbers. After this, we will be moving on to the Four Operations and we will be considering different efficient methods when thinking of these operations. As well as this, we are going to be working on our mental maths skills, working out what method would be the most appropriate and why.

In Science, we will be focussing on 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Our Big question for this topic is: 'What is Evolution, how does it happen and how do scientists know?'. During this topic we will be researching and focussing mainly on the scientists 'Charles Darwin' and 'Alfred Wallace'. The children will have the opportunity to work scientifically throughout this year. This unit in particular we will be focussing on: research, observation over time, identifying and competitive testing.

During RE we will be focussing on 'Hinduism' during term 1, with our assessment question as: 'How do Hindus show they belong?'. The children will be comparing Hinduism to other religions and will gain a good understanding of the beliefs that Hindus have. We will be considering lots of different key terminology and thinking about how Hindus beliefs impact the way they live their life. To make links with the children's own lives, we will be considering the question 'What makes community?'. This will be asked at the end of the unit of work, to bring together the children's learning.



During PE this term, we will be working on our fitness. We will be working on skills such as: strength, speed, power, agility, coordination, balance and stamina. During Computing, we are going to be starting off with 'Online safety', learning all about how to keep safe online and ways and strategies to do this. PSHE's first topic we will be 'Being me in the world', this will involve setting goals for the year, thinking and reflecting on our behaviour and celebrating differences within culture and amongst others. During these sessions, children will have the opportunity to discuss with their peers and they will have a chance to express their opinions in a mature manner.

Thank you,  
Miss Glover