Class 5 Curriculum Update

Friday 27th May 2022

Monthly values - 'Love' and 'Respect'



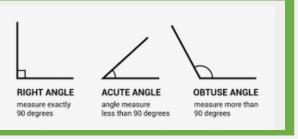
Good afternoon to you all. This month we have studying our theme called 'You're not invited', which is all about the Roman Empire. It has provided us with many exciting opportunities for learning, such as with our Roman banquet and our Roman army formations. We have enjoyed finding out about different aspects of daily life for Romans but also been learning about how and why the Roman Empire was so successful in expanding across most of Europe. Our planned curriculum visit to Caerleon in June will hopefully be a great way to pull all our learning together and see some Roman evidence and examples for ourselves.

This last week we have been focused on learning all about the Queen in preparation for her 'Platinum Jubilee' celebrations next week. Our class has focused on the decade between 1962 and 1972, looking at how she had her 4th child, presented England with the World Cup, launched the new cruise ship 'QE2' with her own name and became the first royal to mix with the general public on a 'walkabout' in Australia. This was in the same decade as world events, such as Neil Armstrong walking on the moon and Martin Luther King's dream speech and assassination. We also looked at the popularity of the Beatles in this period and how decimalisation changed everyone's money. The class also baked some desserts typical from that time - pineapple updside-down cakes, jelly and angel delight! We have also written to the Queen so fingers crossed we get a reply!



Maths

We have recently moved on from fractions to decimals and angles. Please reinforce any opportunities to practise adding or subtracting decimals in the form of money. Angles are all around us and the children should easily be able to identify acute, right and obtuse angles just by sight.





Caerleon

Please see the Parentmail for more specific details. Our curriculum visit will be on the first Tuesday after half term but please bear in mind that school is not open on the Monday as a result of the long jubilee weekend. We should be leaving and returning within the school day but please arrive on time on the Tuesday morning so we can leave promptly. Thank you.



Homework

As well as your weekly spellings to practise, there is an expectation to work on times tables daily. National expectations are that children should know all times table rapidly by the end of year 4. TTRockstars produces a 'heatmap' of your child's activities, which lets you know which times tables they are confident with and which they need to practise more. Thank you for your support.

Please feel free to speak to me (via phone or email) if you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, whether it is to do with at school or at home.

From Mr Ford. Mr Batstone and the Year 5 Team.