



# Weekly Curriculum News

## ! INFORMATION & REMINDERS

We had a wonderful time at our class parties yesterday, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and lots of fun was had by all. Thank you very much for all the delicious food that was sent in to help us celebrate!

The children have now received their Global Campus passports. Whenever your child completes one of the activities or competitions they will receive a stamp in their passport. The children have received a letter and been told about the 'Be Ambitious' writing competition. We are hoping to receive lots of exciting entries after the holidays.

All the year 5 team wish you a great holiday and we look forward to seeing all the children on Wednesday 6th January.



## ENGLISH

When we return from the Christmas break, we will be continuing our topic work on the Romans. Consequently, we will be using non-fiction texts and passages on the Romans to build our understanding of paragraphs. We will be focusing on one writing objective, which is to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. This will include looking at textual clues which help us to reorganise a scrambled text, and identifying and using conjunctive adverbials. We will also be exploring the themes or main ideas of a paragraph by identifying the topic sentence and any subsequent sentences. To really up-level our writing, we will also explore further techniques to assist us in signposting the reader, such as rhetorical questions or writing clear examples and explanations to support a point.



## TOPIC

In Topic this week, the children will be making different Roman army formations using their shields. This will help them get a better idea of army life and also how best to work collaboratively.

After this, they will be describing aspects of the past using a range of sources. Pictures will be used as prompts which will help the children identify the civilization and have an idea of what life was like for the people of that time.

The next step will be to describe and identify reasons for historical events. The children will be given theories about how the fall of the Roman Empire occurred. They will be given the chance to show their understanding by role playing one of the theories and then as a class deciding on which is the most believable reason. After this, they will research the fall of the Roman Empire in more detail using books and websites.



## MATHEMATICS

In Maths lessons after Christmas, the children will add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits using column addition and subtraction. They will use these methods to solve a variety of word problems.

Next, they will focus on developing strategies to mentally add and subtract large numbers. The children will also consolidate their knowledge of rounding numbers. This knowledge will be used to check calculations and determine how accurate they are.