

# Red Squirrels' Newsletter

## Term 1 2014-15



Welcome back! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer holiday. We have a very exciting school year ahead of us and will be studying many enjoyable new topics. The following information is intended to help you prepare and support your child in settling into their new class. Your continued support with their learning at home is most welcome, and with that in mind I have also outlined curriculum topics being covered this term along with other relevant information about our classroom work.

Natalie & Sally

### SUBJECTS OVERVIEW TERM 1

**Literacy:** Myths and Legends

**Numeracy:** Counting, Partitioning and Calculating, Securing Number Facts and Understanding Shape, Handling Data and Measures

**Humanities:** The Romans

**Art/DT:** Mosaics and Roman Artefacts

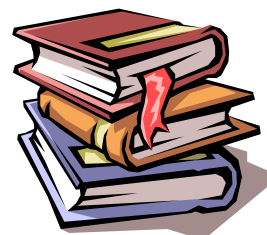
**Science:** Animals & Humans - Skeletons and Muscles

**RE:** Christian signs and symbols

**Music:** Exploring rhythmic patterns

**ICT:** Safe online communicating

**PE:** Multi-Skills/Gym



### Dates for your Diary

Meet the Teacher – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm

Pupil Conferencing - 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September

Individual Photographs – 7<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival assembly – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm

Dentist visiting Year 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> October

Assessment week – 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> October

End of term – 24<sup>th</sup> October

## P.E



Outdoor: Multi-Skills - Tuesdays

Indoor: Gym - Thursdays

Children will need to make sure that they have their P.E kits in school every week.

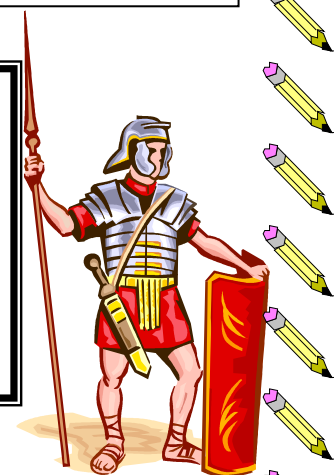
Long hair will need to be tied back for P.E sessions and ear-rings need to be removed or covered on P.E days.

School PE Kit: plain white T-shirt or red T-shirt with the school logo, plain black shorts, plimsolls and trainers.

*Please remember to label every item of your child's PE kit.*

## Trips

We are currently arranging trips to Lullingstone Villa and Richborough Fort in conjunction with our Romans topic. All details will be sent out to you as soon as arrangements are finalised.



## Home Learning Tasks

As a school, we are currently reviewing our Home Learning policy. This will begin from the second full week in Term 2. Each week there will be spellings to learn and children will be encouraged to practise their reading and times tables daily. Should your child find their weekly spellings too easy or too difficult, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will be able to make an alternative arrangement.

**Times-tables:** These will be tested frequently in class. Children in Year 3 should be able to recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times tables by heart. They should also start becoming familiar with their 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. Practise at home as well as at school will aid your child's success in this.

**Reading Records:** Children will be reading frequently in school and are expected to read at home daily. 15 minutes per evening with an adult is ideal. Children will be encouraged to record their reading in their reading record book and bring this into school every day.

