

6 January 2015

Dear Parents

**Happy New Year to you and all your family.**

This half term, we continue with our day to day literacy and numeracy work, as well as starting new topics.

Our indoor P.E is street dance which is a new addition to the curriculum. Please note that your child will still need an outdoor kit if they wish to play on the field at break and lunch times.

Last year, the children went to Murton Park to be Ancient Romans and they will continue to study this huge part of history this half term. I have liaised with Mrs Leitch to ensure that there is a lot of new learning and have noted where Mrs Leitch thought that children could study an area in more depth. Two of the main foci will be on Roman food and slavery. I aim for the children to cook a variety of Roman foods starting with a typical breakfast for a poor Roman and working our way through the daily menu. So if you are aware of any food allergies that you think the school needs to know, please call in at the office and renew that particular form. We will also be studying the Romans from a slave's point of view as we follow the life of a Greek girl who was forced to be a slave to a Roman family.

Thank you for ensuring that your child keeps all their own pens and pencils at home. This really helped all the children concentrate much more when they were removed from the classroom last term, so I wish to keep this rule for the coming term.

Also, could you please check if your child has brought home anything that may belong to another child. We had some shorts go astray and also a shoe.

Please continue to work on the times tables as this has really helped those children that have practiced at home. Also, please keep reading with them as much as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Millar