



# Somerford Primary School

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*' This is a school that puts pupils first. '*

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Spring term, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

## Topic

This half term our topic is called **'Warriors and Weapons'**. We will be learning all about the Romans and how they influenced life today. We will be studying the Roman empire, their culture and lifestyle. In DT we will be making a Roman cloak so we would be very grateful if you have any old sheets/fabric you could donate. In science we will be looking at electricity and common conductors and insulators. In RE we will be learning about Buddhism and discovering whether Buddhist teachings can help make the world a better place. In computing we will be exploring animation and in music we will be learning a rap song called 'Stop!' which is focussing on anti-bullying. In Jigsaw we will be following a new scheme called SCARF and learning 'Valuing Difference'.

## PE

Outdoor PE this term will be on a Tuesday and Indoor PE (Dance) will be on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has warm clothing for outdoor games.

## Homework:

Finally, can we remind you to continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week and log on Marvellous Me (in line with the Home Learning Policy). Weekly tasks will be set on Spell Zone for your child to complete. Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and studio speed on Times Table Rock Stars as this will help them become fluent in their times tables and prepare them for their statutory times table test that will be conducted in the Summer term. We will be focussing on x9 and x12 this half term so please take time to test them.

## Leeson House

It is not too late to sign up to Leeson House. If you would like to sign up then please come and speak to me as soon as possible. If your child is attending the trip, a meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 3:30pm- 4:30pm.

## Key dates for this term:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January- Trip to Christchurch Library.**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Ancient Roman dress up day!**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term.**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – school closed to pupils for staff training.**

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to me or email me at:  
4EW@somerford.dorset.sch.uk.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Whitehead