



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow – what a brilliant term Year 6 have had! The children have settled in to Year 6 really well and have produced some stunning, beautifully presented work – which they have showcased in their Shine Books. Well done Year 6 – what a great start to the year it has been!

As we have now finished our Victorian topic we are going back even further in time to the Romans with our '**Roman Around!**' topic. We will be learning about the Romans in Britain, including their lifestyle, houses, clothes and other aspects of daily life. We are planning on using a piece of Computing software called 'Sketch-Up' to create our own 3D Roman buildings following our visit to Chedworth Roman Villa and the Corinium Museum. In Science we will be building on our Charles Darwin and Evolution work; our new science topic will be '**All Creatures Great and Small**' and will develop our learning about living things, including micro-organisms. Our English work will be chiefly centred around the Roman myth '**Romulus and Remus**'. As we edge closer to December we will start to think about Christmas and will be finding out how it is celebrated around the world. And of course, there's **Yenworthy**, which, once we get back after half term, will only be 5 weeks away! As we get closer to our trip, we will do some preparation work to ensure that we get the most we possibly can out of this opportunity.

Following on from the success of **Art Week**, we will be having a **Maths Week** during the first week back after half term. If you weren't able to attend our Open Afternoon, please do pop in to see the children's amazing art work!

P.E and Forest School:

Thank you for ensuring the children have their P.E. kit in school when they need it. As it is getting colder, please ensure they have jogging bottoms (blue, black or grey) and a sweatshirt (black or grey) as part of their kit. Children with earrings will need to remove them independently for all PE sessions – a little container to keep them in would be useful on PE days! It is best if the children bring their P.E. kit in to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday as we may have to change P.E. days due to other events some weeks. As the weather changes, it will also become increasingly important that the children have suitable Forest School kit on Fridays – warm, waterproof layers and wellies will be essential.

Class Dojo:

Just a reminder to sign up to Class Dojo if you haven't already... please let me know if you need a new letter with your joining password. I hope to use it to communicate with you at Yenworthy, and I don't want anyone to miss out!

Swimming:

Unfortunately we will only get 4 swimming sessions during the term, because of our trip to Chedworth Roman Villa and Yenworthy. Over the next few days the office will amend ParentPay to reflect this. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school on Tuesdays this term.



Term 2 Y6 dates:

31 st October	INSET day
8 th and 10 th November	Parents' Evenings
22 nd November	Chedworth Roman Villa trip
23 rd November	Pantomime Trip
5 th -9 th December	Yenworthy
16 th December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns or send us an email via the 'office' email account – office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Ms Beckett and Mrs Brotherton