



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term. I hope you had a lovely, restful Easter with family and friends. I would like to start by sharing a huge thank you to those who participated in our #MyLearning last term. The volcanoes were fantastic and such fun to complete in class. It was lovely seeing the children so engaged in their learning, and their excitement when sharing their creations and asking questions is a delight. I cannot wait to see the creations and tasks created this term.

This term's main driver focus is '*Emperors and Empires*' which looks at the Roman Empire. We begin the topic with our visit to Colchester Castle, built on the foundations of the Roman Temple of Claudius, and in the heart of Britain's first recorded city. We then study the everyday lives of the Romans and how they ruled, before moving on to their army and the various battles and conquests that took place. We then end the topic in summer 2 by exploring and understanding the continued effect on our lives today, for example the development of civilisations (roads and cities) and the meaning of British Culture. For further information about our curriculum this term, you will find our topic web in the class information tab on the class page.

As usual, the #MyLearning activities and tasks linked to this term's curriculum can be found on the class page. You will also find the English and maths sheets for the term under their appropriate tabs. There is both a maths and English mat for each week which allows the children to practise the skills they have been learning in class. A friendly reminder that these sheets are compulsory and should be completed each week to be handed in on the Friday. It is also expected that the children read daily. Reading with your child is one of the best ways to support their learning as it helps with spellings and writing. We also encourage children to practise their times tables weekly – this can be done and recorded in any format such as games online, or written methods.

Any #MyLearning tasks that are completed can be emailed to the office, or the children can bring their work in to be displayed on our #MyLearning board. Myself or Mrs McGlynn must physically see the work either by photo or in school in order to award the points, which will be recorded and tallied up at the end of the term. This includes any spag or maths sheets.

The spelling rule for each week will also be found on our class page. Children will complete various activities related to their spellings each day before completing a dictated spelling test on the Friday. Any children who practice their spellings outside of class will receive team points.

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday and children will need a full kit for these days. Earrings must be removed the morning of each PE day so they don't get lost.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me either by emailing admin@bentley-st-pauls.essex.sch.uk or by speaking to me on the gate.

Many thanks for your continued support, and I look forward to a lovely term together.

Miss Shildrake and Mrs McGlynn.