



**Learning Challenge Curriculum**

After a brilliant first term it has been wonderful to see the children coming back to school full of energy and excitement for the term ahead. We will be continuing our Ancient Exploration as we learn about the Ancient Roman civilisation and its impact on Europe, including our own city of York. In our scientific learning, we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of identifying and classifying groups using a key. Through our Learning Challenge sessions we will also be using our Computing skills to evaluate digital content. In addition, we will be using our logical reasoning skills to find and fix errors in algorithms and programs.



**Literacy**

Our Literacy this term will continue to be closely linked to our Learning Challenge. We will be starting by creating poems based on celebrating the New Year and our resolutions to link with our PSHE learning. Moving on from this, we will be returning to our narrative writing skills and creating mystery stories based in Ancient Rome; our class novel 'In the Shadow of Heroes' will give us lots of inspiration with its many twists and turns! We will be developing our diary writing skills as we write from the perspective of an Ancient Roman and explore what their day-to-day life was like living in Britain.



**Maths**

Our Year 5s have started the new year by continuing to work on their multiplication and division skills, working up to multiplying and dividing 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. To aid with this we have been focusing also on times table work as it is vital for them to build fluency. We will then be looking at applying their multiplication work when looking at area and scaling and we will be finishing the half term with work on developing their knowledge of fractions. Our Year Six children have been working hard to build their confidence moving towards SATs this year and will continue to develop the skills to answer Reasoning and Arithmetic questions. The need to maintain or improve confidence in times tables remains high. We will also be doing a lot of fluency practice. As a result, children are encouraged to continue the great work that they have been doing with Times Tables Rockstars.



**Well-being and behaviour**

As in previous years, our priority is to ensure children feel safe, happy and ready for the year ahead. Time will be given to helping promote a healthy lifestyle, talking about friendships, relationships, well-being and exploring ways to increase self-care. Expectations of behaviour remain high as we are so proud of the children and how they represent both you and our school. We will continue to use our restorative practices and circles to think about our school REACH aspirations, actions, and how they affect everyone in our class team and school community. This will tie in with our CHIMP and PSHCE work that we do in class. We will use our behaviour chart and house system to celebrate children's great behaviour choices and help them to make better choices when needed. We look forward to continuing the Y6 Hob Moor Ambassador roles in the Spring Term.



**Attendance**

Please make sure your child is in school and ready to learn by 8:50 and that they are collected or leave promptly in the evening. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day, and avoid taking holidays in term time as the children miss a lot of learning. If your child is unwell, please ring school on 01904 806655 before 8:40 am and let us know. We will text you if we haven't heard from you by 9:30am to check your child is ok.



**How can you support your child's learning?**

Hearing your child reading every day will have a huge impact on all areas of their learning. Can you please listen to your child read for at least 20 minutes every day and make a note in their reading journal. It is possible to access Times Table Rockstars and IXL online, and regular use of this has been shown to improve the speed of retrieving these important number facts. Weekly homework will continue to focus on a Maths skill or a Writing skill. Weekly spellings will also continue.



**Things to remember each week**

**PE Days**

Team Shark- Wednesdays and Fridays  
 Team Whale- Wednesdays and Fridays  
 Team Sea Otter- Thursdays and Fridays

