

### Contact details:

The Angelou class team are:

**Mr Groom - Class Teacher**

**Mr Tanner - Learning Support**

**Mrs Middleton - Learning Support**

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff at the start or end of the day or contact us via email:

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### Equipment Needed

Children need to come to school in full PE kit on the days of their sessions on Monday and Friday. Our Games Morning (GM) is on a Monday. The majority of our GMs are outside therefore the children need jogging bottoms and a waterproof coat for when the weather is colder. Your child may also need a hat and sun cream if it is hot. For the first half of the term our Friday PE slot is focusing on physical teambuilding activities.

In addition, it is required that reading records and reading books are brought into school every day please.

Your child will need to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day with them.

Thank you.



## Curriculum Information

### Angelou Class Autumn 2021



This term's learning... Roman Empire and History

#### Should we Carpe Diem?

**Topic based learning** for this term has a History focus, in particular children are analysing their place in the world, where we all came from and the legacy we live with from the largest Empire of the ancient world. Our topic launch will be a day dressed as Romans with the 'History Man', giving us an immersive experience of what life would be like in the Roman Legions. At the end of the topic, we are having a Senate Debate off school site where adults will be invited to hear arguments for and against topics the children are passionate about and then vote. We will be inviting everybody to come dressed as Romans for this event as well.

Across **literacy** this term we are covering a range of genres linked to our topic including: fictional texts about life as a slave; diary writing using 'The Tempest' as a basis; poetry on Roman Gods; information text and discursive writing. Our class novels are abridged versions of Shakespeare plays including: The Tempest, Julius Caesar and Antony and Cleopatra. We are having weekly questions around these novels in our guided reading sessions.

During our **maths** sessions, we are covering Roman Numerals, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are focussing on fluency in these areas as well as improving our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

In **science** and **geography**, we are learning about: map reading, forces, movements of the planets and geographical similarities.

Within **history**, we are constantly assessing the impact of the Roman Empire upon the world and making connections to the world we live in today. We are looking in depth at historical events and key figures from that time such as: Pompeii, Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra and Romulus and Remus.

**PE** sessions are twice a week. These sessions focus on skill development, body control, balance, ball skills, hand and eye coordination in order to reveal self-confidence. This is done through football, athletics in our own mini-Olympics, fencing and rugby led by the Cornish Pirates.

Our **music** sessions focus on song and Ukulele. We are practising our cord and ukulele skills as well as songs and stories from Rome.

In **computing** we are looking at coding along with basic computer skills.

In **Art and Design** we are looking at Roman artistic styles and creating: Latin phrases, pots, battle standards and Roman shields.

In **RE** we are learning about Christianity and looking at other religious leaders around the world, drawing comparisons between the major world religions.

Across the term we are spending time thinking about the power one voice can have and how dedication and hard work can help us achieve our goals and dreams. This will be done in conjunction with our assembly themes over the term: Be the Best You.

### Home Learning

Children are expected to read at home for at least 15 minutes every evening after school. The children should record this in their homework diary.

Pupils in Angelou are given weekly spellings which should be practised throughout the week. Spelling tests take place on a Tuesday and children are always given at least a full week (including a weekend) to practise.

We also have a weekly times table challenge on a Tuesday. Children are welcome to take home times table challenge sheets on request.

#### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September **Learning Launch**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October **Art Day**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November **Clay Pot Making Mornings**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September **Super Learning Day**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November **Marazion Book Day**

W/C 6<sup>th</sup> December **Learning Outcome**

#### Homework Choices

#### **\*NEW FOR THIS TERM\***

Optional homework ideas and activities related to this term's learning will be posted on a choiceboard via Seesaw. You will be able to access this week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September.

