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Friends of Monkfield Park Christmas cards

FRIENDS are busy planning events for the coming year and we are currently sorting out the very popular Christmas Cards designed by the children! In order to receive your child's Christmas Card Design/Order Form (and information on future events) you need to have given permission to the school office to receive information from Friends of Monkfield Park. If you have not done this, or are not sure if you have, then please email the school office to confirm.



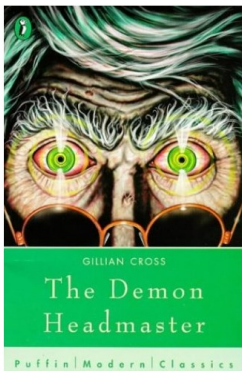
Year 4 Roman Museum

Parents of Year 4 children were invited to visit the Roman museum which took place in Aquila and Cygnus classrooms this week. The museum served as a summary of the work completed by the Year 4 children across the half term and brought together their knowledge and understanding of a significant time period in history. The children talked their parents through the purpose of aqueducts and their role in carrying water through the use of gravity to those who were unable to access water easily. The children used their cleverly constructed models to demonstrate this. The children talked enthusiastically about the significance of Roman Gladiators and how they'd have to train to become the well renowned swordsmen of the time, and shared their knowledge of the mighty Boudicca and how she led a major uprising during the revolt.

The children's learning captured all areas of the curriculum from pot making to written leaflets where we could learn more about Londinium. Some children even designed mathematical games of the time, and wrote instructions for others to follow. The children made tiles and jewellery so that they could appreciate and experience the similarities and differences between life in Roman times and modern day. We hope that if you had chance to visit the gallery, that you found it interesting and perhaps even left having learnt something from the children and their work.

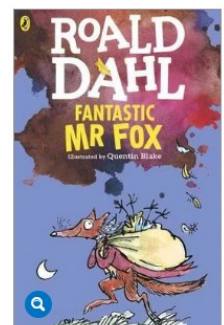


Recommended reads



Key Stage 1— Fantastic Mr Fox. Join the adventures of Mr Fox and his wife as they face the brutish farmers (known as Boggis, Bunce and Bean) every single night in their quest to feed their young family.

Key Stage 2—The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross. Something is horribly wrong at Dinah's new school. The children are neat and well behaved - why is this, and why does Dinah find herself conforming? What is the secret of the headmaster's control? Dinah is determined to unravel the mystery of the sinister headmaster.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Amelia in Pegasus Class—Amelia always listens to the advice of adults in school, which in turn has helped her to make improvements to her work. Keep it up Amelia!

Zachary W in Aquila Class—Zachary was a worthy and informative guide during the Year 4 Roman Museum. Thank you Zachary!

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to hunt for the numbers 9 and 10 when out and about. E.g. At the supermarket.

Ask your Year 1 child to retell the story of 'Owl Babies'. Can they use different voices for the characters?

Ask your Year 2 child to explain what the 'Monkfield way' is.

Ask your Year 3 child how to do column addition.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain which 'points' and 'patches' of the body they can use to perform a balance on.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain a taught way of dividing.

Ask your Year 6 child how to remember which 'they're, there or their' to use in writing.

Support with children's online activities

Some of our children have been talking about the app TikTok. We have recently been informed that some content accessed through the app really isn't suitable for primary aged children to view. Here is a link for you to read further information about TikTok.

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_15_08_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-589105154e-179234533

Please be reminded that the recommended age for a child to use this app is 13.

FORTHCOMING DATES

21st—25th October—HALF TERM

28th October—Children return to school

8th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

14th November—Year 3 visit the Saatchi Gallery

14th November at 4.30pm—Reception Maths evening

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

17th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK

3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

6th January 2020—Children return