Ongoing homework

Children in Oak Class are expected to complete the following activities as ongoing homework throughout the whole year:
- Regular reading practice with levelled reading books from school – these can be changed daily as long as a comment has been written in reading records to confirm that the book has been read.
- Regular reading for pleasure with books selected from home, or access to Reading Plus.
- Regular spelling practice for weekly spelling tests – tests will take place on a Monday morning. Practice activities can be accessed via Purple Mash website, or you could try any of the activities on the spelling activity sheet.
- Regular access to Times Tables Rockstars to improve speed and recall of multiplication and division facts.

Login details for Purple Mash and Times Tables Rockstars are stuck inside children's reading records.

Year 4 Presentations

For this half term, the topic for presentations will be:

One thing I'd like to change about the world

Children might want to structure their presentation around the following points:
- A problem or area of interest that they have identified with the world currently
- Why they think this needs to be changed
- What might need to happen for this to change
- What actions we can take to make this happen

(This presentation can be as serious or as light-hearted as they like!)

Presentations will take place on Friday 23rd May.

Optional homework activities – Romans

These are some ideas and suggestions for optional activities or work you might like to do at home with your child, related to our topic this half term. Work can be submitted by the children at any time this half term and will be displayed in the classroom. This list is not exhaustive so if you have your own ideas, please do create your own projects!

English

- Create a tourist's guide to Hadrian's Wall. Add important information about the wall that visitors might find interesting. Add images that show what the wall looks like now compared to what it looked like when it was built.
- Write a diary entry in the role of a member of a Celtic tribe at the time of the Roman invasion. Think about how they would have felt and what they would have thought about the Romans invading their lands and creating new rules for them to live by.
- Find out more about Roman villas and write an advert as if you are an estate agent trying to sell a Roman villa. How will you convince someone to buy your property? What language can you use to describe it and make it sound appealing?

Maths

- Have a go at making some Roman coins and inscribe their value in Roman numerals.
- Complete this Roman shopping activity.
- Weigh out ingredients to make this Roman bread. Consider how you would need to scale up the recipe if you needed to feed an entire class of hungry Roman soldiers.

Science

- Investigate the best material for making a Roman helmet or shield.
- Create your own erupting model of Mount Vesuvius.

Art/DT

- Can you build a Roman road? Use this video tutorial to build your own Roman road with all the necessary layers.
- Research what Roman mosaics looked like and then use small pieces of coloured paper to create your own. Think about what images of your own life you would like to depict in your mosaic.
- Make a pair of Roman sandals that fit your feet. Think about what everyday materials you could use to make them.

History

- Create a map that shows the expanse of the Roman empire. Colour code the map to show which areas were invaded over which periods of time.
- Write a fact file about a famous Roman emperor such as Julius Caesar or Nero.

Geography

- Create a map of the UK which highlights where Roman roads and Roman settlements can be found. Which is the nearest to Summerbridge? Which is the largest?
- Write an information text about how volcanoes are formed and where they are found.

Music

- Explore different beats and rhythms for Roman soldiers to march to.
- Use this power point presentation to learn more about Roman instruments.

Computing

- Use free stop motion software to create an animation of the story of Boudicca or Romulus and Remus.
- Go on Purple Mash and use Free Code to find the colosseum background. Add characters from the History section and code them to create your own gladiator animation.