



## Elm Class Newsletter Summer 1 2023

### **Dates For Your Diary**

**Monday 17th April:** Start of summer term.

**Monday 1st May:** May Day Holiday.

**Thursday 4th May:** School closed for most pupils due to elections.

**Monday 8th May:** Coronation Bank Holiday.

**Thursday 11th May:** Elm Class Trip to Deva Roman Discovery Centre in Chester.

**Friday 19th May:** Home Learning Challenges due in.

**Friday 26th May:** School closes for half term.

**Monday 5th June:** Summer 2 term starts.

### **Maths**

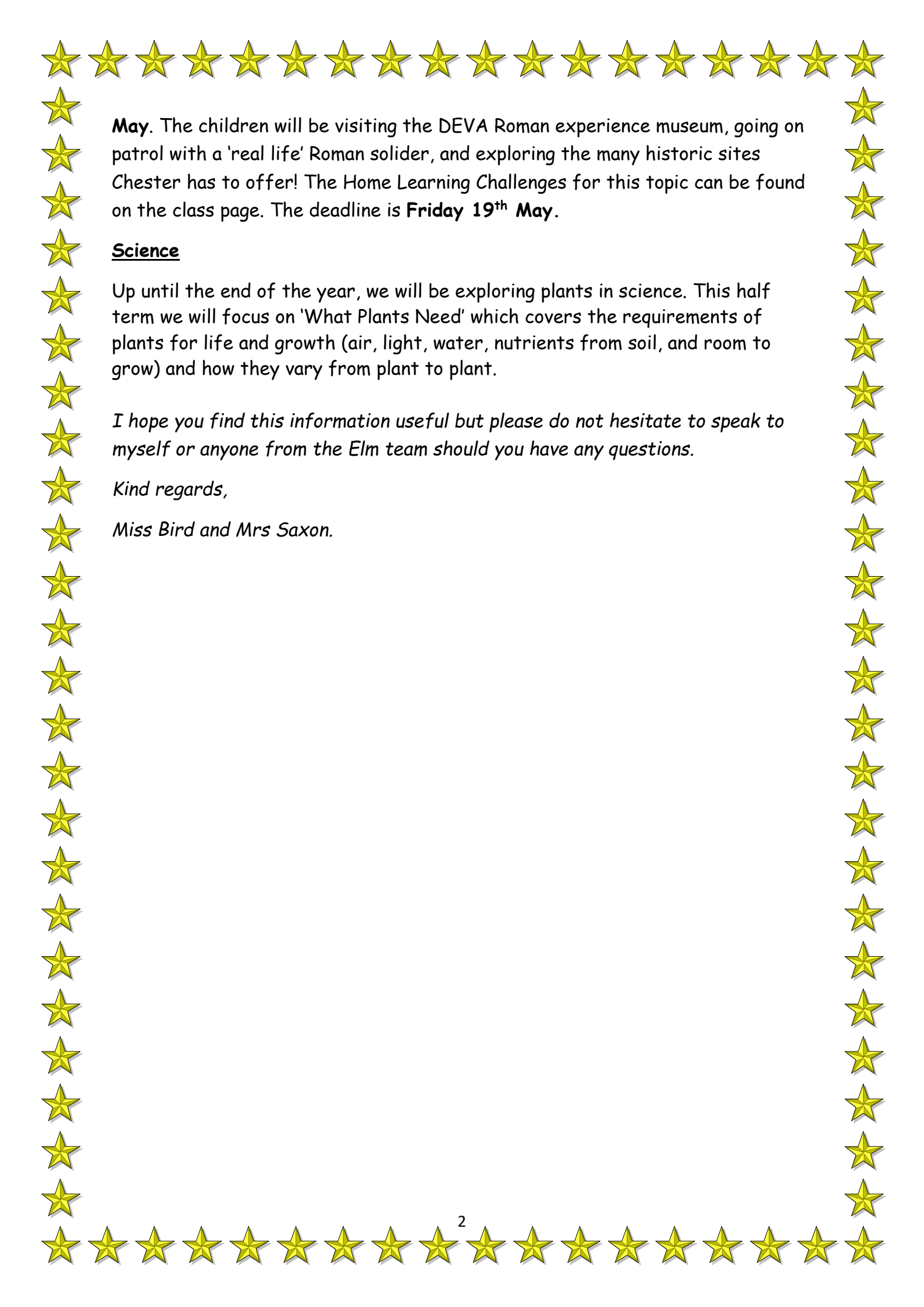
This term we will be exploring and working with fractions. We will start by counting in tenths and then making number pairs (the fraction equivalent to number bonds) before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. Pupils will explore equivalent fractions and look at simplifying fractions before comparing fractions with different denominators. Towards the end of the term, pupils will be finding fractions of whole numbers as part of a set and looking at sharing 1 and more than 1 as well as applying content knowledge to sophisticated word problems. We will be finishing the half term looking at angles, lines and shapes.

### **English**

This half term we will be exploring a 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. A tale of transformation. An old man lives in a grey and forsaken place 'that looked out on other people's rubbish and bad weather'. He dreams of a wild and colourful place and uses the resources around him in such a creative way that change comes about and a natural forest becomes entwined with one of metal. This unit provides opportunity for children to write a variety of genres, including a diary entry, narrative in role and a nonchronological report.

### **Topic**

This half term in topic we will continue to look at the Romans. We will look at Boudicca was before moving on to the final years of the Roman Empire. We will be incorporating Design and Technology in our lesson as children will design, make and evaluate their own Roman shields. Children will also further their learning for this topic with a school trip to Chester on **Thursday 11th**



**May.** The children will be visiting the DEVA Roman experience museum, going on patrol with a 'real life' Roman soldier, and exploring the many historic sites Chester has to offer! The Home Learning Challenges for this topic can be found on the class page. The deadline is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Science**

Up until the end of the year, we will be exploring plants in science. This half term we will focus on 'What Plants Need' which covers the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.

*I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to speak to myself or anyone from the Elm team should you have any questions.*

*Kind regards,*

*Miss Bird and Mrs Saxon.*