



YEAR 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4

TOPICS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

THE YEAR 4 TEAM: MRS REDMAN-CLASS TEACHER (4R), MRS BLOOMFIELD-CLASS TEACHER (4B), MRS TOSELAND-PPA COVER FOR 4R, MRS CATCHPOLE-PPA COVER FOR 4B, TEACHING ASSISTANTS: MRS BETTELL, MS ALBERTSEN, MRS HAWKINS

These are the topics we will be studying this term:

Our main topic this term is The Rotten Romans.

History — We will be looking in depth at life in Roman times, including food, clothing, housing, the Roman army and Boudicca.

Art — We will be making Roman shields, Roman Emperor portraits and printing mosaics.

Maths — Children will work in their classes, following the objectives from the National Curriculum for Mathematics.

Literacy — We will be working on developing the children's ability to write in a range of styles. Handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will have a high priority. We will be starting the term by writing stories based on Horrid Henry.

Reading is also a key focus and guided reading will take place every day.

Science — (i) Sound (ii) Electricity

P.E. — (i) Roman Dance (ii) Gymnastics

Games — Invasion skills — hockey and netball

Music — Using our musical skills to perform poems with ostinato accompaniments. The children will use their voices to make beatbox sounds and perform rounds.

P.S.C.H.E. — Linking with our focus on growth mindsets, the children will learn how their brain works and how this impacts their learning.

R.E. — Jesus and His Disciples and Festivals of Light

French — The children will continue to study French and will learn about family and food.

Computing — The children will be designing and creating games using Scratch and creating digital music.

D.T. — Making electrical circuit games and sewing Christmas decorations.



Home Learning

Maths and English homework will be set weekly on a Friday and is due back on the following Thursday. Please see the school website for more ideas for helping your child with maths—these will be discussed at our "meet the teacher" evening.

After half term, English homework will be replaced with Topic homework—details to follow after half term.

Children have been given a booklet with the whole term's spellings. The new list will be discussed on a Monday and the children will be tested on these words the following Monday. Children are given time in class to practise these, but will need to use the home copy to learn them.

Children are expected to read *every evening* and they need to make a written comment in their reading logs a minimum of twice a week.

Reminder

Please can all children have their P.E. kit on a Thursday and games kit on a Friday. If all children can have a spare carrier bag in their games kit, we can use this to put muddy shoes in at the end of the lesson. As the weather is likely to be colder, tracksuit trousers and a warm top will be needed.

Key Dates

Tuesday, 20th September — Meet the teacher evening at 6.00pm. It would be good to see as many of you as possible as we will be going through some key information for the year. We anticipate the meeting taking approximately half an hour.

Thursday, 29th September—Trip to Corinium Museum—separate letter to follow

Monday, 10th October — Literature festival Trip—Year 4 will be attending a talk by Pamela Butchart.