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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! The children have settled well into Year 4 and the summer holiday now seems a distant memory. We have got an exciting, but busy term ahead of us. We are delighted by the mature way in which the children have adjusted to a new class and are really looking forward to working with them this year.

Year 4 is the year when children need to become more organised and prepared, taking more responsibility for their own education. This letter is to give you and your child an idea of the topics we will be covering this term. Our main theme will be Ancient Romans. We will be doing a lot of exciting work across the curriculum to support this.

Maths

This term we will focus in detail and try to master place value, addition and subtraction, length and perimeter and multiplication and division. Children will do lots of practical work to aid their understanding and will learn to explain their reasoning. There will continue to be a big push on learning times tables and the related division facts in readiness for the statutory assessment at the end of the year.



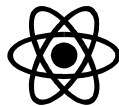
English

Our featured author this term is Roald Dahl. We will be comparing stories by Dahl and looking at his poetry. Next, we will work on stories in imaginary worlds. Additionally, we will be writing non-chronological reports linked with our topic. During our English work children will learn and improve many aspects of grammar including conjunctions, similes and metaphors, punctuating dialogue, correct tense and fronted adverbials.



Science

We will be studying sound and how it is made. Children will learn about pitch, volume and role of vibrations in hearing. After half term, we will investigate Electricity, looking at circuits, conductors and insulators amongst other things.



SMSCE

We will use the Jigsaw programme and other techniques to discuss important issues which affect the lives of the children.



P.E.

Up until half term we will be doing team building skills and ball games. Please can you ensure their PE kit is in school every day. Details of the correct kit can be found on the school web site although we have already shared this with children ...so they should know! Please ensure all clothing is named!



Computing

We will be using a variety of software to learn some basic programming and coding skills. We will also be using the computers for all subject areas, improving our typing skills and we will be making use of the Internet to support independent research. We are lucky to have iPads within each classroom and will put these to good use in many lessons.



MUSIC

The highlight for the children will be the chance to learn to play the ukulele. We will also be improving our music skills through singing and the use of percussion instruments. Also, children will learn to understand the mood and emotion created in music by composers such as Elgar, Mozart and Beethoven as well as modern genres such as Rock and Pop.





History

In History children will gain greater understanding of timelines and events in the past. We will look closely at the lives of the Ancient Romans, comparing rich and poor and using artefacts to build a picture of the past.



Religious Education

We will be looking at Hinduism and learning the beliefs and codes that they live by. We will also look at the Christian Christmas story in different ways later in the term.

Art/Design Technology

Our Art and DT lessons will be closely linked with our Romans topic. In Art we will look at collages and mosaics. For DT, we will look at mechanics linked with Ancient Roman methods and structures.



Modern Foreign Languages

This term children will start to learn a new language. We will learn greetings and build up to basic conversations in Spanish. We will also be learning basic phrases and vocabulary based on the months of the year and the days of the week.

Homework



Your child will be taking home a school bag every evening. This will contain their reading book, reading journal and throughout the week there will be extra spellings that your child needs to work on ready for their spelling test.

Please remember that the most important work your child should do at home is to **read** on a regular basis, both to themselves and to you. You can really help your child by listening to them read. Write the page they read up to and a comment in their reading journal. They will also, on occasion, have a short task related to the book they are reading. This is designed to check for understanding.

They also need to learn their times tables to support them in Maths. Please help your child to learn them as they will be tested weekly in readiness for the statutory test at the end of term.

Your child will receive Maths, English, Science or Topic homework every **Friday**. Please make sure your child completes their homework and that it is brought into school by the following **Wednesday**.

From time to time, this homework may take the format of a longer project which is a great opportunity for children to develop their independent research skills and demonstrate their more creative side!

You will see that we have new cycle storage and want to encourage children to cycle to school where practical, however it is essential for the children's safety that they **ALWAYS** wear a helmet. We encourage the children to use a bike lock and it will not be the school's responsibility if a lock is not used.

As you can see we have a lot of exciting things planned for this term and we are looking forward to teaching your child. Education is a partnership between your child, yourself and us. It is essential that we work together, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us. We are very much looking forward to this term and the coming year.

Kind regards

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Mrs Muir and Mrs Cotterill
Year 4 Teaching support