

Year 4 Newsletter September 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome to Year 4.

English

This half term we are recapping on many of the Year 3 key skills, such as the correct use of punctuation, more adventurous vocabulary and consistent use of conjunctions. The children will be looking at different styles of fiction and nonfiction texts to link to our Roman Empire topic and will be producing their own diary entry from the perspective of a Roman Slave. Handwriting and spelling will be practised regularly. On Mondays, the weekly spelling pattern will be introduced in lessons, leading to a spelling test the following Monday. During the week, children will write out their spelling lists using the look, say, cover, write, check system, and will bring home their spellings on Friday to practise over the weekend before their test!

Maths

One of the major requirements for Year 4 children is that they should be able to recall ALL of the times table facts up to 12×12 by the end of this year. In June, all year 4 children will take the Government Multiplication Tables Check. Children will also need to learn the division facts that go along with each times table. It would be a great help if you could support your child in learning their tables and the related division facts. A brilliant resource that can be accessed from home computers is the Times Table Rockstar website that we use in school. Another requirement is to tell the time to the nearest minute, using 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. Please support your child at any opportunity while at home and ask them to tell you the time regularly.

In class, we have begun the year by looking at place value, including recognising numbers up to ten thousand.

The Roman Empire

This term we are teaching different subjects through our topic work. This will include History, Geography, Art, DT, Music, PSHE. They will learn about European locations, the Roman invasion of Britain and its impact. How the Roman Empire became so powerful and its eventual downfall. We will also compare the locations of modern Leeds and modern Rome.

P.E.

All children need to bring the correct kit. P.E uniform is a white, round-necked T- Shirt with blue shorts or blue track suit bottoms or black leggings/skins. Children also need pumps or trainers. Children should bring their PE kit into school each Monday. All PE kit should be clearly labelled. Children should not wear jewellery in P.E for safety reasons. During the lessons this term, children will develop their gymnastic and football skills.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue to develop their French vocabulary with Ms Reddish and Ms Henry this year. The focus of the lessons this term will be the months of the year, days of the week and the simple story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Design Technology

In DT, we will link to our topic of the Roman Empire and focus on designing and making a simple 'Roman Britain' tunic. The children will evaluate designs, create their own design and make a paper pattern before creating their final piece.



Homework Diaries and Reading Records

Each child in Year 4 will continue to use the orange reading record this year. This is for communication between teachers, parents and pupils about each child's reading. It can also be used to write messages in for each teacher if you can't catch us on the door in a morning. Reading is a school priority and if parents are able to engage with their child when they read, this enables the child to access reading assessments more easily and progress well in their comprehension skills.

Forest School

This half term, we are lucky enough to be taking part in Forest School every Thursday. Please ensure children come dressed in warm, waterproof clothes and shoes, bringing their school uniform in a separate bag. Earrings will need to be taken out and hair tied back.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We are available most mornings so please let us know that you'd like a word at the classroom door.

Reminders

Please sign your child's reading record to say they have read.

PE kits in school every Monday. Feel free to leave them in school and take them home each holiday.

The Year 4 Team:

Teachers: Mrs Boyd and Miss Davison

Support staff: Mrs Hughes and Mrs Sandhu