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Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

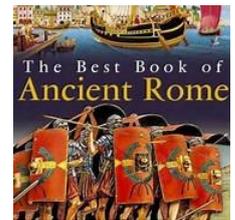
Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to warmly welcome you back to school after the summer holidays. It is wonderful to have the children back at school again, and they have settled in brilliantly so far and are adapting well to Year 4.

Year 4 are at school from 8:50am (doors open from 8:40am) to 3:25pm, using the side entrance of our classroom to enter and exit school. Please ensure that the children are punctual to achieve a positive and organised start to the day. The children will be having lunch at 12:15pm so please ensure your child has a healthy snack for morning break to help keep them nourished during the morning. Water bottles are essential as we would like the children to have access to a drink when they need it.

Class Learning

Our main topic for the term will be 'The Romans', covering all aspects of Roman invasions and life. Later in the term we will be having a Roman Day, and we will send you details about this nearer the time. We will be linking this topic with our Art and DT where we will be making either Roman shields or jewellery and creating Celtic patterned Mosaics.



In **History** we will learn where the Romans came from, about the countries they invaded and locate important cities.

During **PSHE** we will be exploring the topic of 'Me and My Relationships', which includes exploring diversity and internet safety.

In **Computing** we will continue to develop our understanding of how to use technology safely, respectfully, and responsibly. We will also learn about 'Coding' and ultimately aim to design and make our own simple programme.

Our **English** lessons will be based on a variety of books and texts including Romulus and Remus and then we will use a Jane Considine brochure about Sicily to focus on non chronological reports and learn how to create a brochure. We will continue to focus on VIPERS, the school reading strategy, using a variety of texts, pictures, and videos to promote reading skills.

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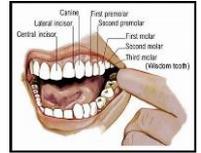
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In **Mathematics** our focus for the term is place value, numbers up to 10,000, and addition and subtraction.

Our **Science** topic is teeth and the digestive system. We will be doing some fun and practical lessons, especially when we explore the impact of sugar on teeth.



In **RE** we will be learning about Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.



PE will be on a Wednesday it is important that your child has named kit in school every day so they can take part safely. Our PE focus is football; however, they will not need shin pads or boots.

Home Learning

Reading books will be given to the children to read daily at home. Please record and sign any home reading in their Reading Records; it is important to read with your child at least 3 times a week, even if they are a confident reader.

The learning and practising of times tables is very important in Year 4. In June 2024 the children will sit a government set times tables test. Every week on Purple Mash there will be a quick times tables practice for them to do.



The children will get homework every Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday. It



will either be in their Homework book, an activity on Purple Mash or on the internet. On a Monday, the class will be set a weekly assignment for Spelling Shed to be done at home; completing these assignments will help to cement the spelling skills we practice in class. Occasionally topic projects will be set, and these will have longer periods in which to be completed.

We are looking forward to a happy, busy, and positive first half term in Year 4!

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