

Could you have been a Roman Centurion?

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn first half term



Welcome back to school and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 4 pupils and their families. I hope you have all had a wonderful school holiday and are looking forward to the coming year. This term I am looking forward to getting to know the children and learning all about them. The class will be taught by Miss Haley for the majority of the week with Mrs Goodwin teaching the class on Thursdays. Mrs Relton will be supporting the class in the mornings.

Year 4 will bring a range of new challenges, expectations and experiences but I am sure the children will enjoy this busy and exciting year! 😊

This term ...

Our topic this term will have a history focus, we will be studying the Romans - focusing initially on the Roman invasion of Britain, the children will be learning about how the Roman army became so successful, and finding out what was needed to become a Roman soldier. We will also be learning about the lasting legacy of the Romans.

In art, we will be exploring collage by combining different materials and textures.

In ICT we will be learning how to use word processing.

Our science topic we will be exploring 'What is special about sound?' The children will be exploring how sounds are made and also studying the structure of the human ear. Our investigative work will investigate how sound travels, pitch and volume.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me.

PE this term will be hockey and invasion games. Please try to make sure kits are in school all the time as days can be subject to change. If the weather is fine PE may be outdoors.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

MATHS This half term will focus on place value, rounding and Roman numerals. Progressing on to addition and subtraction. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts.

ENGLISH We will be reading *Escape from Pompeii* by Chrstina Ballit. A wonderful picture book set in the Roman city of Pompeii. We will also be developing our writing skills by writing a number of non-fiction texts relating to other areas of the curriculum. In addition we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

PE. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, black trainers or pumps. Also please remember no earrings on PE days. Correct kit = Dojos 😊 If your child cannot take part please send a note or dojo message.

HOMEWORK -homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. If children have not done or brought their homework in, they will be asked to go to lunchtime homework club. Homework will be an English task and an online maths activity. Children are able to use the ipads during lunchtime club if they do not have access to ICT at home.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS -Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you and organise the children. Books will be changed as needed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.

CLASS DOJO Please ensure you are registered on class dojo, it enables us to keep in contact and share important notices and updates.

