



Year 4 Class Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of Year 4! We are all looking forward to immersing ourselves in our main topic for this half term - 'Roman Britain'.

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History	We will begin by finding out who were the Romans and what was the Roman Empire. We will look at Roman towns and examine everyday life as a Roman citizen. We will move on to finding out about the Roman invasion of Britain, Hadrian's wall and Boudicca's rebellion.
English	We will begin by reading the story of Romulus and Remus and the legend of how Rome began. We will be doing factual writing based on everyday Roman life. We will also read 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and we will produce some descriptive writing describing Pompeii before and after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In our reading lessons we will explore a variety of text types and authors. We will look in depth at the book 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown.
Maths	We will use 'White Rose Maths' as the core for our learning. This will be supplemented with challenges and consolidation work accordingly. Our first two topics are Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. We will be using 'Times Tables Rock Stars' on a daily basis.
Science	Our unit is about sound and we will be exploring vibrations, pitch and volume.
French	We will look at location, the flag and greetings.
Computing	This half term we will focus on E-safety, graphic design and programming in Scratch.
PE	We will have PE on Wednesday and Friday. Your child can wear their kit to school on these days.
RE	We will investigate the question: 'How and why are Christian churches different?'
Music	Performance through poetry Composition through the environment
Art and DT	Clay pots; mosaic patterns; portraits of Roman soldiers

Equipment needed in Year 4:

- PE days are Wednesday and Friday. On these days, children will need to come to school in their PE kits.
- Reading records and reading books are required daily.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day.
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Homework

- Children should learn their multiplication tables and related division facts, focusing on developing their speed of recall, using Times Tables Rock Stars
- Mathematics tasks are set regularly
- Spelling Shed tasks are set weekly
- Children should be reading every day and bringing their journals in to be checked once a week
- Children will receive some home learning project tasks to complete based on our topic

Trips

Our 'Really Roman Day' is booked for Thursday 5th October at Peterborough Museum. We are also looking forward to visiting St Andrews Church on Tuesday 3rd October as part of our RE work on how and why Christian churches are different.

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year!

If you have any queries, please feel free to come and speak to us at any time.

Many thanks,

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