



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

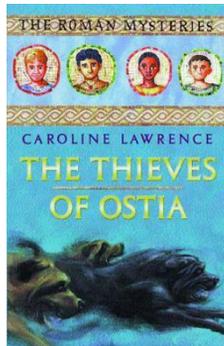
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and the children are all ready to start Year 4. This newsletter will highlight the various topics that we will be covering this term. On the reverse, you will find other important information and significant dates for your calendar. Sign up to **Seesaw** to ensure that you receive the latest updates and notifications.

English

During this term, the English lessons will be closely related to our topic of 'What Did The Romans Do For Us?' The main text studied will be *The Thieves of Ostia* (Caroline Lawrence) which will be used as a prompt for a range of text types including:

- Setting and character descriptions
- Instructions
- Playscripts
- Non-Chronological reports



As part of our **Seesaw** promise, we aim to send at least one English update per week. See our **Seesaw** leaflet for further details (additional copies available upon request).

Please remember that your child should read every night for at least 10 minutes. To make the most of this opportunity, time should also be spent discussing the text they have read.

Maths

We are very excited to be using Power Maths this year, which is a fantastic mastery curriculum. One of the key principles of this is that we spend longer on each concept in order to go into greater depth and develop the children's ability to make links and reason. This term, we will cover the fundamentals of the subject – place value, a focus of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and learning the times tables at an increasing speed.

There will be more information about Power Maths for parents and carers in due course.

Seesaw

We owe much of our academic success last year to the working partnership between school and home. This was cultivated through use of **Seesaw**. By the end of the very first week, you should have received your login details – all you require is your phone, tablet or PC. Your child will benefit massively from your decision to sign up to this free app.

Science & Topic

In science, we will begin with Animals including Humans which focuses on teeth and the digestive system then move onto Electricity in the second half of the term.

Our topic for this term is 'What Did The Romans Do For Us?' through this we will teach History, Geography, Art, Design Technology and Music.

In Computing, we will be using computer aided design (CAD) and looking at E-Safety.

RE focuses on Symbolism looking at the main religions of Christianity and Hinduism.

Homework

For the convenience of everyone, the weekly homework will be posted on *Seesaw*. This year, this app will replace the use of the School Planner.

Reading – this should be recorded daily, activities carried out and Reading Records handed in every Monday.

Spellings – spelling tests will be on Mondays and new words will be posted/given out on the same day.

Maths - weekly homework will be set on Mathematics.

English/ Topic/ Other – an additional , short piece of homework will be given out each week.

No more than 20 minutes should be spent on each piece of Maths or English/Topic/Other work. Please feel free to contact us with any questions via seesaw or a message in the reading record/homework book.

Key Dates

Wednesday 9th October-Y4 Outdoor Activity Day (further info. very soon)

Wednesday 27th November- Y4 History Man Roman Day

Other Info

PE will occur on Tuesday afternoon for both classes as well as Thursday for 4S and Friday for 4C – please ensure that kits are in school on those days. If, for a medical reason, your child cannot participate in a lesson, a letter must be supplied.

Both PE kits and school uniform should be labelled with your child's name. To see correct PE kit and school uniform, please refer to the school website. Ensure that all equipment in your child's pencil case is labelled. This should also be the case for his/her coat, bag and lunchbox.

We are very much looking forward to this year and hope your child is too. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Randall , Miss Kaca

and the **Year 4** team

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