

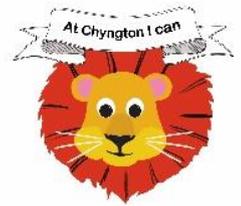


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We have a great team this year eager to support and help the children through Year 4. Mrs Barnes and Miss Davies are class teachers and on Monday Mrs Robson will take 4D during the afternoon. The children are going to be supported by Mrs Phillips and Mrs Harper.

If you do need to contact either teacher please do not hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or email to raise any concerns or questions you may have.

Learning Journey

For this term our Learning Journey for year 4 is the Romans where we will be focusing on the big question of 'What is the impact of Invasion?' During this learning journey, the children will be taught what it means for a society to invade another and the effects of invasion. We will be building on their knowledge of the Greeks from Year 3, to create a deeper concept of chronology in history and make links between these events which feature on the world's timeline.

We have slightly adapted the timeline of learning journeys this year, so this topic will run until Christmas. At the end of the term, we are hoping to have a 'showing afternoon' to celebrate and share all the learning. We are also hoping to take the children on a trip to...

English

As before, our English curriculum will be delivered through our learning journey topic. The children will be given the opportunity to read and write in a variety of different genres based upon the Romans and the concept of invasion. As the topic develops, we will be teaching the relevant grammar and punctuation elements that are expected in year 4 and will be looking to see the children using these in their own writing.

Reading:

We will be continuing the Accelerated Reading scheme in year 4. We are in the process of getting all the children to complete the 'star reading test' to determine their book level. When this has been completed, the children will be allowed to choose a book from the library to bring home and read. Just like before, they are to bring the finished book back into school to complete a comprehension style quiz to test their understanding. We would like to remind you of the website – www.arbookfind.co.uk which you can use to check if you have any books at home that are 'AR friendly'. The children can then begin to read those and get a head start with AR while they are waiting for their book level.

Spelling:

We will be testing the children every other week on these sets and will be expecting most of the children to learn at least two sets at a time. Please make sure that this spelling book comes into school each day in the children's small bag.

In year 3, we saw the children working extremely hard on their spellings to learn their sets and move through the books and their writing improved dramatically because of this. We are hoping to see the same level of enthusiasm this year so please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home. If



you have time to sit with them, it would be very beneficial if you could also check they still remember words in previous sets as well as the set they are currently on.

Maths

During the first term, we will be focussing on ensuring the children have a secure understanding of the number system and place value within the number system. It is vital that we ensure children have a secure understanding of this before we move onto the rest of the curriculum as it is what underpins all other areas of maths.

We will be focussing a lot on times tables and number facts this year again and will be continuing with the times table challenge in the same format. We will be completing the times table challenge weekly and ask that you encourage the children to be practising the times tables they are on as well as checking over previous ones to make sure they don't forget them once they have moved on from them. Each week we will select and teach a chosen times table to focus on for the week and at the end of the week complete a small test to check for understanding.

PE

PE slots of year 4 are both on Tuesday afternoon so please ensure your child comes into school in the correct PE kit of red shorts, plain black leggings/joggers and a white top and school jumper with suitable footwear. If your child has long hair, please can you ensure it is tied up on this day.

Home learning opportunities

To reinforce learning in the classroom we would like to ask the children to practise their spellings and times tables (TTRS is a great way of doing this) and be reading their AR book at home. We may also be setting other homework which we will send with the children and via dojo.

Bags

We would just like to remind you that the children are welcome to bring in a small school bag each day to carry their lunchbox, water bottle, reading book and spelling booklet. They should not be bringing in any other items from home, this includes pencil cases. All the children have their own stationery on their table so they do not need to bring in any more. As we move into the colder months, coats will also need to be kept on their chairs.

Please get in touch if you have any queries,

Mrs Barnes Miss Davies