

Dear parents and pupils,

As Year 4 begin another exciting term, we would like to thank you for the enthusiasm, effort and friendliness we have enjoyed from you all during the first few months in Year 4. Let's make 2019 even better!

In this leaflet, you will find a taster of some of the things Year 4 will be exploring over this coming term. If you would like to share expertise, artefacts, pictures or books that you think match any of our topics please come and see us. We are always very interested to hear.

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English

Year 4 will begin 2019 by studying *information texts* which will include writing a non-chronological report on the Celts and creating a website. Later in the term, they will be looking at *historical fiction* and experimenting with how real historical facts can create intriguing tales. Throughout the term, they will continue to have lessons on *grammar*, *punctuation* and *spellings*.

Maths

Maths lessons will have a strong focus on the children using and applying the strategies they have begun developing over the first term. A strong emphasis will be on using maths in real-life contexts and developing secure written methods of calculation. Some of the areas that they will focus on are: knowing multiplication and division facts, building confidence in calculating mentally and developing reliable written methods, multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, exploring Roman numerals, fractions, solving problems, using measurements accurately, presenting and interpreting information from given statistics, coordinates, translation and angles.

Science

This half term, Year 4 will learn about *sounds as vibrations*. This will include a close look at both how sounds reach the ear and what happens inside the ear through a range of investigations. Later in the term, they will investigate *electricity*, when they will amaze themselves with the circuits they can build, but also learn to respect the dangers associated with electricity.

Later in the term, Year 4 will use their knowledge of sound in their **Design and Technology** topic, as they design and make drums.

History & Geography

This term's theme is all about life in Britain before and after the Roman invasion. They will explore the reasons people throughout history have had for settling by investigating maps and looking at place names. They will study a variety of sources to make their own minds up about Boudicca and the Roman invasion and discover the impact the Romans have had on Britain. Using this knowledge and further research, Year 4 will complete the term with a special Roman day!

Later in the term, they will extend their Roman topic into **Art**, as they explore the ancient busts of Roman gods and goddesses and then design and make their own.

PE

On Monday afternoons, Year 4 will fill the school hall with *gymnastics*, developing fluency between different movements and balances and *circuit training*. On Thursday afternoons, they will enjoy the fresh air and learn to play *basketball*.

RE & PSHE

In RE, they will explore *Islam* and the *Christian festival of Easter*. In PSHE, they will be learning about *Family and Friends*, looking at the importance of relationships and friendships.

