



NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 4 SEPTEMBER 2019



Welcome

We hope that you have had a wonderful Summer holidays and are full of energy for the new term. Our Autumn newsletter provides details of this term's curriculum activities. This term there will be lots of interesting and imaginative learning opportunities during our new topic work on Romans, followed by Ancient Egypt.

Sports

Class 4 P.E will take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. We will be developing skills in a range of sports and activities.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps, (please check the size!). P.E kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) may also be required for cooler days.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

Autumn 1: What have the Romans done for us?



Autumn 2: Tomb Raiders



Homework Information

Homework timetable (Class 4):

Monday:	Times tables revision
Tuesday:	Reading
Wednesday:	Spellings home (test following Wednesday).
Thursday:	Maths homework books due in by following Thursday for marking.
Friday:	Times tables test

Pupils are expected to record their own reading in their reading diary, but will still need to read to an adult on a regular basis. It is imperative that spelling test books are returned to school each Wednesday.

Topics

This half term our Topic is 'What have the Romans done for us? Autumn 2 topic will be Tomb Raiders where we shall be studying Ancient Egypt.

ENGLISH: We will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' and writing stories using a range of stimuli, instructions, reports and newspapers, narrative, studying poems and drama.

HISTORY: We will be finding out about Ancient Rome during Autumn 1 and Ancient Egypt in Autumn 2.

SCIENCE: We are studying Electricity and Sound.

MATHEMATICS: This year is the first year that nationally, Year 4 children will take a times tables test. The Government expectation is that all children know their times tables up to X12 by the end of Year 4. They will complete a test in June. We shall be working hard all year to learn them and prepare them for the test. Your support with learning them is greatly appreciated. Other Maths work will include number and place value, addition and subtraction methods and multiplication and division of different numbers. Within each lesson, children will also be developing their reasoning skills, trying to explain how and why they got their answers using maths.

GEOGRAPHY: Looking at key locations locally and where significant events linked to our topic. Develop mapping skills linked to positional directions.

ART/DT: Our art and design work will be linked to our topic focussing on using a range of materials. We will focus on the use of colour/tone, patterns and textures.

ICT: We will develop key skills in a range of subjects.

PSHE: Rules, personal targets, friendships and other relationships, health and happiness, rights and responsibilities.

RE: We will be following the new Warwickshire RE Syllabus considering inspirational people, the Hindu religion and religious festivals.

FRENCH: We will be counting in 1's and 10's and we will be learning vocabulary related to where we live.

Diary dates

- 9th September- Student Council Speeches
- 16th September - Welcome Service
- 3rd October - National Poetry Day
- 8th and 10th October - Parent's Evening
- 17th October Harvest Festival
- 25th October - Break up for Half term
- 21st November - Mental Maths Shootout and Open Afternoon
- 12th December - Whole school theatre visit
- 20th December - Break up for Christmas

We are looking forward to a fun packed term with lots of hard work and high expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues that may arise or you have any questions.

Yours sincerely
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