

## Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring term, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.



**English:** At the beginning of the spring term, we will be looking at Caroline Lawrence's books. We will be looking at mystery stories with a historical setting, based on our topic of the Romans. During our second spring term, we will be producing information books about Italy.

**Maths:** We are looking at time, number and place value, column addition and column subtraction, geometry – acute and obtuse angles in 2D and 3D shapes, formal written multiplication and long division, finding fractions of numbers, length mm, cm, m, km, statistics: bars and charts and decimals.

**Practical activities to do at home:** Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible. It would be great if they could get involved in shopping by working out totals and change.

Your child is expected to know up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4, the tables your child is working will be noted down in their homework book. Our weekly multiplication test is on Wednesday.

**Topic:** We will be studying history in the first spring term, our topic will be the Roman empire and how this has affected us today. Please encourage your child to research the Romans and bring their research into school.

The second half term is Geography, we will be learning about Italy, looking at its history, physical landscape and culture. If you or your child has been there or has any links please can they share this with the class.

**Science:** We will be looking at states of matter; Solids, liquids and gases. After half term, we will investigate the human digestive system and dental health. Again, extra research into these topics is welcomed.

**RE:** During the 1<sup>st</sup> Spring term we will be studying the Buddha and whether his teachings can make the world a better place. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring term we will be studying the Christian belief of Salvation and looking at the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'

**Art & DT:** We will be looking at 3D art in our art lessons and will be researching, designing, and making roman vases using clay. In DT we will be following and planning recipes to create our own pizzas.



## Upcoming Events

7<sup>th</sup> Feb NSPCC Numbers Day

8<sup>th</sup> Feb Internet Safety Day

10<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 4 Class Assembly Half term 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> February Pancake Toss

2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day

17<sup>th</sup> March Wonderful

Women Morning

28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March Parents

Meetings

29<sup>th</sup> March Easter Service

31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Bonnet

Parade & End of Term

**PE:** PE is on Monday and Tuesday.

**Library:** Monday

### Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday.

Times tables are set on a Wednesday and are tested on Wednesday.

Daily reading- please record in your child's reading record

Homework is set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

**PE:** We will be focusing on striking and fielding to enable children to understand, build and practice skills they will use in striking and fielding games such as softball, cricket, and rounders.

**Computing:** In computing we will be looking at creating media and photo editing, data information and how to use data loggers.