

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 the picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker to write a sequel. Then we will focus on Caroline Lawrence's Roman Mysteries 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 continue to focus on events in Ancient Roman times with the book, *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit to write diaries, letters and a newspaper report.

Maths: To start the term, we are continuing our work on multiplication and division. We will then work on length and perimeter, fractions 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. Please encourage them to go onto Times Table Rock Stars daily. Research shows that 3 minutes a day working in the Garage section of TTRS boosts your child's chance of doing really well in the statutory Multiplication Times Table check in June.

History: We will be studying Life in Ancient Rome in Term 3 and the Rise and Fall of Ancient Rome in Term 4. Please encourage your child to research the Romans and bring their research into school.

Geography: We will be studying Eastern Europe in Term 3 and turning to the regions of the UK in Term 4 when we will be learning about Northern Ireland. If you or your child has been to any of the countries in Eastern Europe or Northern Ireland, please can they share this with the class.

Science: We will be looking at Ecology. After half term, we will investigate Sound. Again, extra research into these topics is welcomed.

RE: During the 1st Spring term we will be studying Christianity focusing on the Gospel – What kind of world did Jesus want? In the 2nd 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?'



Upcoming Events

30th January Year 4 Class Assembly
10th February and 12th February Parents' Meetings
16th -20th February Half term
23rd February INSET day
5th March Year 4 trip to Verulamium Museum
26th March Easter Service
27th March Easter Bonnet Parade & End of Term

PE: PE is on Tuesday and Thursday. **Please make sure children come to school in their PE kits.**

Library: Monday

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday.

Timetables are set on a Friday and are tested on Friday.

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

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

Art: We will be looking at the concept of space in our art lessons: this means the space between objects and the space objects occupy in art. After half term we will be looking at Monuments of Ancient Rome.

PE: We will be focusing on Pilates and Dance in Spring 1. After half term we will be focusing on Invasion Games and the second lesson of the week will focus on Football.

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