

Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Summer term. Last term was a busy packed one. We had a great day at Verulamium Museum finding out more about the Romans. This term we have lots of exciting learning ahead.



Upcoming Events

English: In Summer Term 1 we will be finishing our writing based on *Escape from Pompeii* by writing newspaper reports. We will then look at Viking myths and write our own myth. We will write Haiku poetry as our introduction to our Geography topic about Japan. In Summer 2 we will be focusing on a new writing unit based on *Cinnamon* by Neil Gaiman and Divya Srinivasan. We will write diary entries, informal letters, our own version of the fable, adverts, limericks, and other poetry forms.

Maths: We will be solving two step word problems, as well as addition and subtraction up to 4 digits and using column addition and subtraction. We will also be learning to use partitioning, grid and formal methods as well as dividing one digit and two-digit numbers by 10 and 100. Finally, we will continue to learn about measurement (perimeter and area).

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. Any Mental Maths is always useful and keep up that Doodle Maths!

Your child is expected to know up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4, they will be tested weekly on a Wednesday. The MTC will be conducted in June.

History: Our whole summer term will be looking at the Stuarts, their coming to the throne, the regicide of Charles I, the Civil War, and restoration of the monarchy. Amidst this political view we will also look at the Gunpowder Plot, the Great Plague, and revisit the Fire of London which the children studied in Year 2.

Geography: In Summer 1 we will be studying London and the Southeast and in Summer 2 we will be finding out about Japan.

Science: We will be learning about reversible and irreversible reactions and Electricity.

RE: We will be continuing to look at Buddhism, as well as studying the impact of Pentecost for Christians when Jesus left.

PE: In Summer 1 PE is on Monday and Friday

In Summer 2 PE is on Tuesday and Friday.

Library: Tuesday

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday

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

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

Doodle maths: daily practice is encouraged.

Timestable test is every Thursday.

DT: We will be cooking by adapting a Biscuit recipe in Summer 1 and Making Torches in Summer 2.

PE: In Summer 1 we will be continuing to develop our Striking and Fielding games that we began in Spring 2 and Windsor School Sports Partnership will be teaching our Dance lessons. In Summer Term 2 we will be building on our striking and fielding games to enable children to understand, build and practice skills they will use in striking and fielding games such as softball, cricket and rounders and learning athletic skills for sports day.

Computing: In computing we will be looking at programming using scratch, in Summer Term 1 we will be looking at repetition in shapes and in Summer Term 2 we will be looking at repetition in games.