

## 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 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 be producing information books.

**Maths:** We are looking at 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 on will be noted down in their homework book. Our weekly multiplication test is on Thursday.

**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 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:** 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.



## Upcoming Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb NSPCC Numbers Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb Internet Safety Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb Pancake Toss  
12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February Half term  
19<sup>th</sup> February INSET day  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Class Assembly  
9.00am  
7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day  
8<sup>th</sup> March Family Morning  
19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March Parents

### Meetings

28<sup>th</sup> March Easter Service  
& Easter Bonnet Parade &  
End of Term

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

**Library:** Tuesday

### Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday.

Timetables 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 Pilates and 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.

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