

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 writing informal letters, explanatory leaflets and a narrative sequel based on the book *The Ever-Changing Earth* by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will write Haiku poetry as part of our introduction to our Geography topic about Japan. In Summer 2 we will be focusing on a 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 be 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 Tuesday. 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. 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 South East and in Summer 2 we will be finding out about Japan.

Science: We will be learning about the water cycle and electricity.

Religion and Worldviews: We will study how and why do people mark significant events in life? In Summer 2, we will be studying the impact of Pentecost for Christians when Jesus left.

PE: In Summer 1 PE is on Monday and Thursday

Library: Monday

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 Tuesday.

DT: We will be making Adapting a Biscuit recipe in Summer 1 and Making Torches in Summer 2.

PE: In Summer 1 we will be developing our Striking and Fielding games and our Net and Wall games and in Summer 2 we will be practising and developing our athletics skills.

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.