

YEAR 4 TERMLY

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school after the Summer break. We hope you are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities that we have in store for this Autumn Term.

As you may already know, we have a topic focus each term, which guides our learning. This term, the focus will be on the Roman Empire and the impact this had on Britain.

Topic

Our topic this term is on the Roman Empire and when they invaded Britain. This will also include learning about the Celts and comparing the differing ways of life at that point in history. The key question we are investigating is 'What did the Romans ever do for us?' We will explore the question throughout the curriculum in history, DT, art, reading and literacy lessons. In addition to this, pupils will have the opportunity to experience a hook day. Children will design and make their own Roman armour and develop a new understanding of the daily life of a Roman soldier.

Maths

We are continuing to use our Maths No Problem scheme this year to teach and deepen mathematical understanding across the school.

We are taking a school wide approach to maths this year to help bridge the gap between year 3 and 4 following the government guidelines. This will ensure that children will have a secure understanding of all units that were not covered in the last academic year due to COVID 19, as well as those units for their current year group. Year 4 will cover number, multiplication and division, graphs, fractions and time. In the coming weeks, children will also learn the Roman numerals linking to our current topic.

RE

This term, we are learning about Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism. This entails a focus on festivals, belonging to a community, individual commitment and religious leadership extending to places of worship.

Computing

This year, we are continuing to use the Purple Mash scheme and parents are reminded that the children are welcome to practice using this at home. We will be looking at coding, online safety, spreadsheets, creating logos and animations.



Homework

Homework will consist of spelling, home reading and times tables.

Spelling homework will be based around the weekly spellings. The homework will be set every Friday and must be completed and tested weekly on the following Friday.

Maths homework is linked to times tables and set through Times Tables Rock stars; details to follow. We expect children to be proactive in learning all their times tables up to 12x until they know them fluently, including division facts and missing number questions.

Additionally, school policy expects children to read an appropriate level book at least 3 times a week to an adult for 15 minutes. Please record this in your child's home-school journal. Please use this home-school journal to communicate with the class teacher if you have any queries about homework or any other pieces of work.

We have a selection of Year 4 books in class, which the children are welcome to borrow. Children are expected to have two books for home reading. One book must be a 'reading for pleasure' book and the other must be a class borrow or personal book from home. The class teacher will ensure children are reading the appropriate level books.

PE

PE will take place every Thursday afternoon. It is essential that children arrive at school wearing their full PE kit. Please contact the school office for any required replacements.

Many thanks for your support. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us through the School Office.

Miss Taylor

Miss George



SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school

FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

JEWELLERY

- The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

