

TERMLY NEWSLETTER - YEAR 4

SPRING 2022

Dear Family,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. We hope you are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities that we have in store for this Spring 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 shield and develop a new understanding of the daily life of a Roman soldier. Furthermore, the children will take part in a Roman workshop where they will become further immersed in Roman history thanks to our visitor. During the second half of the Spring term, the children will be performing a play about the Romans, which families will be invited to watch. This will allow them to sing, dance, act and grow their confidence while showcasing all of their fantastic historical knowledge.

MATHS

We are continuing to use our Maths No Problem scheme this year to teach and deepen mathematical understanding across the school. This term, year 4 will cover number, multiplication and division, graphs, fractions, decimals and time. The children will also learn the Roman numerals, linking to our current topic.



RE

This term, we are learning about Christianity and Hinduism. 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. This term, the children will be working on spreadsheets, creating logos, animations, learn how to research effectively and use the internet safely when doing so.

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. In the summer term, children will be completing an annual government timetable check. The children have been working incredibly hard to practise both their timetables and division facts up to 12 x 12. We would strongly encourage you to practise with your child at home.

Additionally, school policy expects children to read an appropriate level book at least 3 times a week to an adult for around 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 morning. 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)

