

Year 4 Newsletter



Autumn 2018

iBienvenido a la clase cuatro!

Mrs Booth will be in class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Wednesday mornings.
Mrs Burke is in class on Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our Big Questions this term are: Why were the Romans so powerful and how do we know that they were in our area? How can you catch a scream and can you light me up?

We will be using these history and science topics to enhance the cross-curricular links in our teaching and learning. Our first school trip is on **Thursday 20th September 2018**. The children will be given an insight into the life of a Roman soldier, and the rigours they must endure in the British climate. Wearing imitation armour, they will take an oath to the emperor, before heading out on patrol to the various Roman remains in Chester. They will also spend time in the museum, observing the Roman exhibits and partaking in an artefact handling session.

Literacy

Our Literacy work will be based around:

- *Stories with historical settings
- *Newspaper reports
- *Information texts
- *Creating images in poetry.



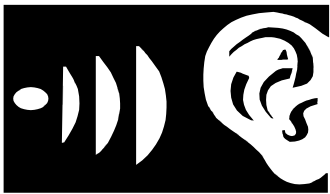
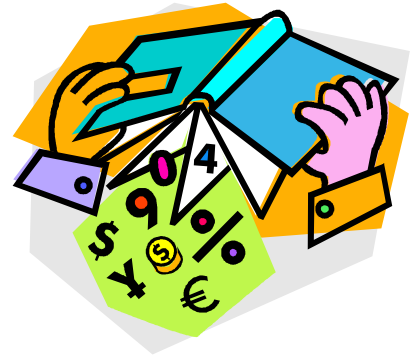
Please ensure that your child completes their home reading record. They should clearly record the title of the book, the pages read, the date and a comment about the book. This should be done 3 times a week, minimum and be signed by a parent/guardian. They should always have a home reading book, their book bag and their record with them every day.



Volume reading helps writing and spelling, whilst feeding into maths, science and all the other life skills your child needs! Home readers can be changed by your child during registration, home times and during guided reading sessions. Records will be checked every Tuesday morning.

Maths

We will be working on place value and the four rules of number, including formal written methods. Topic maths will be focusing on two dimensional shapes and shape properties, and measuring length. You can help your child by providing them with opportunities to measure objects to the nearest mm, and identify real life shapes around the home. Most lessons will have a problem solving element as this is key to their understanding. We continue to work on times tables as we work towards our goal of knowing them all by the end of the year. Please test your child at every opportunity! If multiplication facts are not learned now, it will be very difficult to understand more complex maths later. Children will be having a weekly mental maths test.



Science

This term, we will be doing lots of hands on learning and practical experimenting with **Sound and Electricity**. Children will be learning how to change the pitch and volume of sound and make a light bulb brighter or dimmer. They will be encouraged to evaluate their findings and prove their ideas. In D.T. they will be designing and creating their very own light up Christmas card, containing an electric circuit.

P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that labelled PE kits are brought into school. Autumn 1 topics are Dance on Thursday mornings and Netball (outdoors) on Wednesday morning and for Autumn 2 topics are Dance and balance in gymnastics, both need an indoor kit.

R.E/P.S.H.E

This term we will be focusing on rules and what it is to be a good friend. We will also be looking at prayers and exploring the symbolism of light.

Homework

Spellings are set on Friday, for a test on the following **FRIDAY**. Grammar/literacy homework is set Thursday to be back on **WEDNESDAY** please. Numeracy homework is set Tuesday to be back in on **MONDAY** please. Green guided reading books to be in on **TUESDAY** - please make sure they are in school every day.

This information is designed to help you have an idea of the topics and key times for some of the events in the autumn term. We know we can count on your support for the children's learning. If you would like to discuss any issues, please feel free to call in after 3.30pm any day. Many thanks!

Mrs Burke and Mrs Booth