

# Year 4 Newsletter



## Autumn 2019

*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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. 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 exciting vocabulary. This should be done 3 times a week, minimum. If their reading record shows less than 3 reads, they will be asked to complete an extra read at lunchtime. They should always have a home reading book, their book bag and their record with them every day.

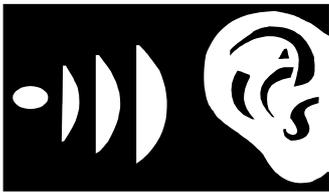
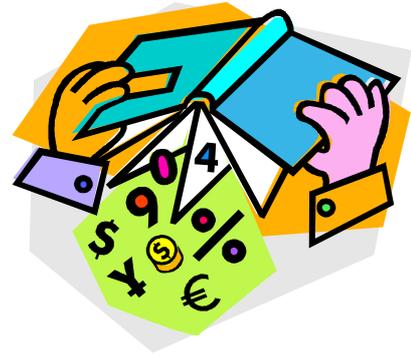


Volume reading helps writing and spelling, whilst feeding into maths, science and all the other life skills your child needs!

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, at the end of this year, all Year 4 children will be tested nationally on their times table facts. 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 or arithmetic 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 will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has both an indoor and outdoor kit available on these days. Please could you also ensure that all items of PE kits are clearly labelled. Autumn term topics are dance, netball and gymnastics.

## R.E/P.S.H.E

This term we will be looking at God, David and the psalms, discussing what is prayer and exploring the symbolism of light though Christmas.

## 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