

Year 4 Newsletter



Autumn 2020

¡Bienvenido 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? Can you catch a scream and can you light up a room?

We will be using these history and science topics to enhance the cross-curricular links in our teaching and learning.

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. Please try to read daily as reading is an essential skill that help pupils develop and progress in all curriculum areas. 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.

Maths

We will be working on place value and the four rules of number, including formal written methods, length and perimeter. 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 learning about 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.

History

We will be looking at how and why the Romans invaded Britain, the British resistance to the Romans, why, how and when Hadrian's wall was built, the religious beliefs of the Romans and how the Romans changed Britain.

D.T.

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 Wednesdays and Thursdays. P.E. kits should be brought into school and taken home after each use. All PE lessons will take place outside so children will need trainers and as the weather gets colder a tracksuit.

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 through Christmas.

Computing

We will be learning how to stay safe online, sending emails with attachments using bc and cc and creating spreadsheets.

Spanish

This term we will be learning how to name colours and parts of the face and body,

Homework

At first, homework will be focused on reading and spelling while children settle back into school. Spellings are set on Friday, for a test on the following **FRIDAY**. Please ensure green guided reading books are in school every day. Once children are settled back into school routines grammar/literacy homework will be set Thursdays to be back on the following **WEDNESDAY** please. Numeracy homework will be set Tuesdays to be back in on the following **MONDAY** please.

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. Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Burke and Mrs Booth