



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn 2023

*¡Bienvenido a la clase cuatro!*

Mrs Booth will be in class on Mondays. Mrs Burke is in class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 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.

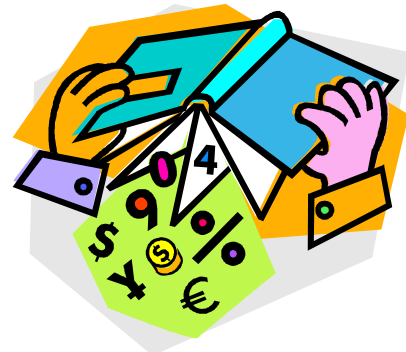


Reading records will be checked every Monday. Volume reading helps writing and spelling, whilst feeding into maths, science and all the other life skills your child needs! Home readers can be changed by your child during registration, home times and during guided reading sessions.

### Maths

We will be working on place value and the four rules of number, including formal written methods, length and area. 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 times tables and a fortnightly arithmetic test.



## Science

This term, we will be learning about states of matter and electricity. Children will be learning how to identify solids, liquids and gases by their properties and how to change the brightness of a bulb within a circuit. They will be taking part in a number of investigations and 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.

## Art

In art we will be developing our skills in sketching and learning to draw a building and face/body with the correct proportions.

## 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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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.

## 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

Spellings are set on Friday, for a test on the following **FRIDAY**. Literacy and Maths homework is set Thursday to be back on **TUESDAY** please. Green guided reading books will be checked on **MONDAY** - but please make sure they are in school every day. Children should also be spending a minimum of 30 minutes each week on TT Rockstars.

*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*