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# **CLASS 4 AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to an exciting and brand-new academic year. I hope you have had a relaxing summer and that the children are refreshed and ready to start Year 4.

#### <u>English</u>

We will be reading the book 'Empire's End- A Roman Story.' We will be writing a narrative with the purpose of entertaining. Following that, we will be writing a historical recount for the purpose of informing.

In grammar, we will be exploring a range of grammar: expanding sentences using adverbs, expanding sentences using prepositions, conjunctions and using different tenses.

Reading- please ensure your child is reading and this is recorded in their reading diary a minimum of 4 times per week. We are continuing our school reading challenge this year- let's see how many children can achieve 300 reads! Please ensure only one read per day is recorded.

Spelling tests will be every Monday. I will share the spelling list electronically and a paper copy will be sent home.

## Maths

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This half term we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction. We will be partitioning, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers up to 4 digits.

## Science

This term we will be focusing on materials. We will be comparing materials such as solids, liquids and gases and looking at the structures of these. We will be performing experiments based upon our predictions and conduct a scientific enquiry with a focus on ensuring our test is fair. We will then move onto focusing on the water cycle and how evaporation and condensation is vital.

#### PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on families and relationships. We will reflect on how our behaviour differs in different situations and though discussions and role play, consider how we can ensure we are showing acts of kindness.

#### History

This half term we are focusing on the impact of the Roman invasion and how Britain has been affected. Children will build upon their prior knowledge of the Romans to support their learning this half term. Children will use artefacts and sources to understand the real impact of the Roman invasion.

## Computing

In computing we will be focusing on coding and online safety. The children will be using software to create their own digital stories. We

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will discuss the importance of remaining safe online and what it means to promote online safety to others.

### Music

This half term we will be focusing on drawing upon their understanding of repeating patterns in music. Children will be introduced to the concept of motifs.

## Weather, water bottles and snacks.

As we have had a warm start to the month, please could you apply sun cream before school when necessary and bring sun hats or caps in. Please ensure that your child brings water in their labelled drinking bottles and that they have a healthy snack for morning and/or afternoon. If they bring it in a snack pot, please ensure these are named. No crisps, chocolate or sweets please.

## PE

Sessions are on Wednesdays and Fridays, please continue to send your child into school in a PE kit on those days. We will be focusing on fitness and basketball this half term. Please could children with long hair bring hair bobbles or, preferably, have their hair tied back on these days. With earrings, if the children cannot remove them themselves for the session, could they kindly not wear them on PE days. If this is not possible, please send in tape/plasters for the children to wear over the earrings for that session.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact or catch me on the door at the end of the day.

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Kind regards, Miss Farrell

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