



Year 4 Newsletter

November 2017

Term 1.2 What does it mean to be Powerful?

This half term your child will continue to explore the question 'What does it mean to be powerful?'. Our main focus this half term is going to be on the Roman Empire. We have been learning about the Romans in our afternoon lessons and will now also be writing different non-fiction pieces of writing in our Literacy lessons. The outcome of this half term is to produce our very own Roman Handbook which will be published later in the year for anyone to purchase!

We are continuing History lessons about the Romans, Science lessons about Electricity and States of Matter and Art lessons about Roman Vases.



P.E. Kits

All children need a P.E. kit in school at all times where possible.

*Class 7 and 8 need a swimming kit on a **MONDAY**.*

Children are asked to include **shorts or leggings, a T-shirt, a jumper for outdoor and suitable footwear.**

NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN ON P.E. DAYS.



Library

Children will visit Firth Park Library once a term. If they have signed up for a library card, they can take out a book.

Children can visit the library in their own time as well. If they borrow a book they earn a stamp, which lead to prizes.

In addition, your child can bring home a level appropriate book, to enhance their reading skills. Please complete the Reading Record book together with your child.

Extra Curricular Activities

This year, we will be learning the cornet! Every child in year 4 will be able to learn this instrument on a Friday morning. In lessons, they will learn about pitch, rhythm and beat and how to read simple musical notes this year.

Ideas for helping at home

Learning Logs

We send out learning logs each week each Friday. Homework is due back in the following Wednesday. Each week we will rotate the homework between literacy and maths.

Spellings are also sent out weekly to practise on a Monday, they are due back in on Friday ready for the spelling test.

Reading

Children have a wide range of books in class for them to take home and read with an adult. Children should now be reading for understanding, so it would be beneficial for them to read with an adult who can ask them questions to check their comprehension as they go along.

Maths

Children need to know all of their times tables (up to 12) by the end of year 4 so we are encouraging children to learn them at home as well as in school. They will be tested on which ones they know and can earn bands when they have learnt a new one. We will send home times tables grids to aid their practise at home.

Dates for your diary

November

- 6-10.11.17— BLP week
- 13-17.11.17—Anti-bullying week
- 17.11.17—Children in Need Day
- 24.11.17—Individual and Family photographs

December

- 6.12.17—Class 8 Library Visit
- 8.12.17—Winter Fayre
- 13.12.17—Class 7 Library Visit
- 20.12.17—Class 9 Library Visit
- 22.12.17—Last day of term