



Spring Term 2018—Year 4 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parent/ Carers,

The Spring Term is under way with all its excitement. We have already decorated our corridor with Roman mosaics and a Roman soldier has invaded! As usual, we would like to keep you informed about some of the work that the children will be doing in Year 4 this term.

English

In English we will be focusing on poetry and instructions. We will be linking our work to our Theme as much as possible with some brilliant persuasive writing. During the first half of the term we will introduce the children to the joys and wonder of Shakespeare as we look at Romeo and

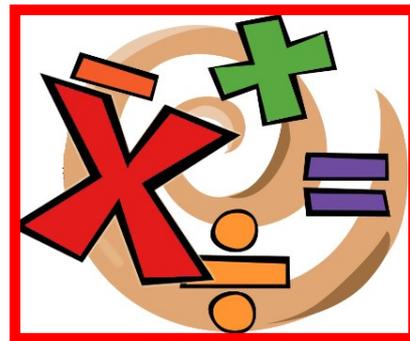
Juliet, engaging the children in play scripts, drama, role play and character descriptions.

Mathematics

In our maths lessons this term, the children will be looking at:

- Problem solving using weight, money, length, time and fractions.
- Drawing, reading and interpreting different types of graphs.
- Identifying what a fraction is, including equivalent and mixed fractions.
- Adding and subtracting basic fractions.
- Telling the time on a 24 hour clock.
- Identifying days, weeks, months and years.

The children will continue to have a weekly times tables test where they challenge themselves to learn the times tables.





Theme

The children have already started to work on our new topic - Here Come the Romans. They are full of enthusiasm about all things Roman and we have planned a wide and varied curriculum to ensure they have new opportunities to find things out. We have planned to visit Lunt Fort on either 12th or 13th March.

ICT

During the Spring term, the children will continue to build on the programming work they started in Year 3. We will be completing lots of challenges using a new programme called Scratch.

Religious Education - RE

In RE, the children will be learning about what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today as well as looking at how we know things are right or wrong. We hope to visit a Hindu temple later in the term.

Physical Education - PE

In PE, we will be looking at different athletic disciplines. The children will learn a variety of different athletic skills. In indoor PE, we will be focusing on dancing looking at Roman dancing to link with our theme. The children will be sequencing together a range of movements.

We ask for your support in this vital area of the curriculum by helping children to bring the correct changes of clothes to school for these sessions. They will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, but we recommend their kit is always in school just in case!

As part of the weekly mile the children will be encouraged over the course of each week to jog/ run a mile.





Science

This term the children will be looking at 'Where does food go?' This will involve looking at how we digest food, our teeth and the similarities and differences between animals and humans. We will also be undertaking several investigations to enable the children to find things out for themselves.



Homework

Children will have their POWER Projects linked to the theme. This will be sent home on Friday 18th January to be returned by 11th March. We will also send home spellings on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. The children are also encouraged to practise their timetables each week. As well as this we would like to encourage the children to read at least three times a week at home and have their diary signed by an adult.

There is an optional Spring term homework pack that will be sent home soon if you should like one. If this is completed and returned to school then dojo's will be awarded.

Many thanks for your continued support, if you find you have a spare few hours and would like to come and hear readers please see us to arrange a time. We are looking forward to the fun and exciting year ahead. If you need to contact us please feel free to pop in at any time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hodder, Mrs Joncks and Mrs Tarka

