



## **Year 4**

# **Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter 2019**

Welcome back! We all hope you had a great Easter break and are ready for the summer term.

We hope you find our newsletter useful; it will give you some information about what the children will be learning, dates for your diary and some ways to help with your child's learning.

### **English**

The non-fiction topics we will be covering this term are discussion texts, explanation texts and persuasive writing. We will be increasing our understanding of writing complex sentences through the use of a range of conjunctions and considering how to make texts cohesive. In our narrative work, we will be focussing on the books Gregory Cool and The Mousehole Cat where we will continue to develop our drafting and editing skills. We will also be looking at poems by Benjamin Zephaniah. We will continue to cover key aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation in line with the curriculum requirements. Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly. The children will have spellings from the National Curriculum list of Year 3 & 4 words and these will be tested on a Monday.

### **Maths**

The topics we will be covering this term are: measurement including time; statistics; shape and symmetry; angles; position and direction. We will also continue to work on times tables as we hope that, by the end of Year 4, children are confident with their times tables up to 12 X 12. Regular practise of times tables at home would be highly beneficial. In addition to this, practical activities such as practising to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks; weighing out ingredients; and counting money when out shopping will also help develop their mathematical skills.

### **Science**

Our topic in science this term will be 'Living Things and Their Habitats. Children will explore different types of habitats and investigate how animals are adapted to survive in these environments. This will also include using classification keys and recognising the impact of climate change on animal habitats.

### **Topic**

Our topic for this term is "We are Romans" and focusses on the impact of the Roman invasion of Britain. This topic will cover aspects of history, art, design technology and geography and will include creating a Roman inspired mosaic and making a Roman style sandal. We will also develop our map reading skills and will be using a range of historical and geographical vocabulary.

## **Reminders**

**PE:** Please ensure all items of clothing and kit are named (preferably with sewn on labels or a permanent marker). The children will be swimming each Tuesday morning and will then have another PE session on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child's kit is in school on this day. If for any reason your child cannot take part in a lesson, please provide a note.

**Homework:** Homework will be given every Thursday to be completed by the following Monday. In addition to the set homework, we would ask that children should continue to learn spellings and times tables. Sometimes we may set project homework which will last for a period of two weeks. We value the support of parents in providing the time, encouragement and suitable environment for the children in which to complete their homework. Maths homework will continue to be set on Mathletics.

**Uniform:** Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform as per the details on the website.

**Reading:** Year 4 children should be reading at least three times per week with an adult. Reading should be recorded and signed by an adult, together with any comments you may wish to make. Children should bring their School Planner into school every day and merits will be awarded for regular reading.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Class Assemblies** – 4C - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
4S – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Drop and Stop** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00-11:00am

**Cherrylicious Day** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Day** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Roman Day** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

This is a day where the children can come dressed as Romans. A plan for the day will be sent out closer to the time.

We are looking forward to a very exciting final term in Year 4. If parents would like to discuss any matters with us, either catch us on the playground after school or make an appointment with the office.

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**Year 4 Class Teachers**