



Newsletter Term One

Updates and reminders

Welcome Back: Miss Aherne will be teaching in Birch class this year. She will be supported by Mrs Willard. Miss Cunningham will be teaching in Beech class this year - she will be supported by Mrs Collins. Miss Barkworth is the Lead Teaching Assistant for years 3 and 4 and will be teaching Birch on Monday afternoons. Miss Baker will be teaching Beech class on Thursdays.

PE Kits: PE will be taught on Thursday afternoon to both classes. Pupils will need a PE kit in school which should consist of green shorts, a white plain t-shirt (or one with the logo) with trainers or plimsolls. Please ensure that everything is named. During the autumn months, Year 4 will complete some PE sessions outside, as well as some sessions in the school hall. Therefore the pupils also have the option to wear tracksuit bottoms if they prefer, during colder weather. If you wish for your child to wear tracksuit bottoms when PE is outside, please ensure that they also have shorts in school for indoor PE.

Swimming Kits: Swimming will start on Wednesday 20th September and will run up until Christmas. Pupils will need a swimming kit which should consist of either a swimming costume (no two pieces) or swimming shorts, a swimming hat. Goggles are optional. On the first session (20th September) pupils should bring their kit in the day before (19th September) to enable us to ensure all pupils have the correct clothing.

Dates for the Diary

Meet the Teacher 3.15pm—3.45pm	11.09.17
School Photos	19.09.17
First swimming session	20.09.17
Year group assembly	20.09.17
Year 4 Roman experience day	6.10.17
Celebration Afternoon	18.10.17
End of term 1	20.10.17

Learning Journey

Maths

This term will begin with a focus on number and place value. The pupils will develop their understanding of Roman numerals up to 100. They will then explore the place value of 4 digit numbers. This will include reading and writing the numerals as well as calculating. Year 4 will then move on to revisiting addition and subtraction using a range of mental and written methods.

English

This term children will be exploring the mythical Roman tale of 'Romulus and Remus' and 'Escape from Pompeii' which tells the story of an historic event told through the journey of two children. Children will be focusing on diary writing, and poetry. Children will

also have the opportunity to develop their skills in creating information texts, where they will be able to apply their learning and knowledge from across the creative curriculum.

Learning Journey

This term's learning journey starts the 'Roaming Romans!' Children will be engaged in an jam-packed term of creative learning as they junk model their own Roman swords and shields, take part in a Roman experience day and build their own Roman cities! We will be exploring the impact of the Roman Empire upon modern Britain today as well as meeting a variety of influential characters from this period, including Boudicca and a range of Emperors. This topic will link across both Maths and English as the children explore

Roman numerals and the stories of 'Romulus and Remus' and 'Pompeii'.



Science

This term the children will be extending their knowledge of 'magnets and forces'. Children will have the opportunity to explore how forces are measured using a range of equipment. They will explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials and investigate the attracting and repelling of magnets.

Learning Journey continued

PSHE:

This term in PSHE the pupils will be exploring new beginnings. There will be many opportunities for the children to get to know the rest of the pupils in their class and explore their new learning environment.

Home Learning

Home Learning has changed this year. On the first Monday of each term the pupils will receive a grid which consists of a range of home Learning activities they can engage in which are linked to the Learn-

ing Journey topic. Each task has a point score and the children are required to complete as many activities as possible to reach 10 points, of course they are able to complete more tasks if they wish to do so! The home learning is then due back on the final Monday of each term.

Spellings

Spellings have changed this year. The children will receive a list of spellings to learn over the term. It is expected that children will learn these over the term using the fun activi-

ties provided on the sheet. This will be supported in class through taught sessions. Children will be tested at the end of each term on a selection of the spellings.

Advanced Notice:

On Friday 6th October Year 4 will be taking part in a Roman experience day which will include activities run by class teachers. It would be great if your child dressed up e.g. god/goddess, emperor or soldier. (These costumes are not compulsory and do not need to be bought. They can be made out of bed sheets etc.)