

Autumn: Information for Year Four


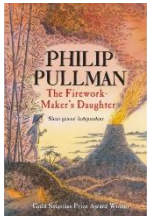
Class Teacher: Mr. Young

Date: Autumn Half Term

Topic: The Romans

Welcome to Year 4!

The Year 4 team are pleased to welcome you all back to school, and hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break. Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to hearing, all about the holidays and seeing everyone settle into their new routines.

Subject:	Class work:	How you can help:
English	<p><u>Class Novels:</u> The Iron man-Ted Hughes The firework makers daughter-Philip Pullman</p>  	<p>In Literacy this term, we will be studying the text - The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We will be reading this together as a class and studying the characters and storyline in lessons.</p> <p>We will send home a list of spellings each Wednesday. These spellings are taken from the new national curriculum and it is vital that children not only learning the spelling but also a simple definition for each to increase their understanding. Please encourage your child to learn them as they will be tested every Wednesday.</p> <p>In class we will be learning a number of techniques to practise spellings and we hope the children will be able to share these with you at home.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Counting, rounding and partitioning. Place value.</p> <p>4 Operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).</p>	<p>You could help at home by:</p> <p>Counting in different steps such as twos, threes and fours.</p> <p>Practising mental addition and subtraction methods. Rapid recall multiplication and division facts.</p> <p>Applying the four operations in a real life context such as finding totals of money and amounts and giving change.</p> <p>In year 4 we place a huge emphasis on the children knowing their times tables. We will be practising daily in school and ask that you do so every day at home.</p>
Science	Animals including humans	<p>The children will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.• Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions• Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. It would help if the children can name the parts of the body and know the names and functions of the main internal organs. Visit the library for books or research on the internet, BBC schools has a great science section.

Humanities Geography and History	The Romans	The children will be learning all about the spread of the Roman Empire and recall key facts about the invasions of Britain. Children will study Roman transport systems and learn about the importance of Roman roads. We then go on to learn about Boudicca's Rebellion and then onto the history of Hadrian's wall. Children will also understand Roman religious beliefs by studying Roman gods and goddesses.
DT/Art	Making a smoothie - keeping healthy cooking)	Practical Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare ingredients hygienically using appropriate utensils.• Measure ingredients to the nearest gram accurately.• Follow a recipe.• Assemble or cook ingredients
Music	Playing the Ukulele	We will be learning to play some chords on the Ukulele once the children have settled into Year 4.
Specific dates	P.E. - Wednesday and Friday - please make sure that your child has a full, named PE kit in school for every day because of changeable weather. Learning Log- Set Wednesday, in for Wednesday Spellings- Set Wednesday, tested following Wednesday.	
Homework	In Year 4 we have a point system homework which was very popular with the children. In order to give the wonderful homework the recognition that it deserves we will have a homework celebration every Wednesday where the children share their homework with the class. Hopefully this will inspire and motivate the children to complete other tasks on the sheet. Therefore the marking of homework will mainly be verbal feedback with house points and comments where appropriate.	
Targets for children	Read daily at home and at school. Help your child learn their spellings. Learn times tables daily.	
Please can you ensure your child's name is written in/on anything they bring into school.		

The Year Ahead We are really looking forward to an enjoyable year with the children. The Year 4 team are always happy to help. If you have any questions please feel free to come in and have a chat with me.

Mr Young