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Spring Term 2025 – Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, and welcome back after the Christmas holidays. It is so wonderful to see the children back in school. The children have had a good start this week, and we are so proud of them for settling well after two weeks' holidays, continuing to apply the rules and routines of Key Stage 2 and engaging in learning with enthusiasm. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities which we are looking forward to sharing with both the children and yourselves. Below is an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

English

We will be looking at fantasy stories, traditional tales and balanced arguments. We will also be learning spelling and grammar rules. We encourage children to read daily at school and home as it enriches their vocabulary, imagination and knowledge. Please encourage your children to interact with a wide range of texts/books.

Maths

The focus in maths this term is consolidating the 4 operations, area, length and perimeter, fractions and decimals, whilst developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills. Please support your children in practising their time tables regularly on MathsShed and Rockstars Times Tables. This will build up their confidence and skills before completing the Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC) in Summer 2.

Science

In spring 1, children will study states of matter. In spring 2, they will learn about sound.

Geography/History/RE

Our topic for this term in geography is the seven wonders of the world. In history we will be carrying on looking at the Romans, this time focusing on the invasion of Britain.

Computing

Our topic is 'data handling' in spring 1 and online safety. In spring 2, we will be doing work on programming, which builds their computational thinking skills.

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

In spring 1, we will be learning about classroom instructions and objects. In the second half of the spring term we will be learning about how to write the date and time.

Physical Education (PE)

We will be working on tennis, controlling and receiving as well as on dance, creating a story.

Children will have two PE lessons each week, and these will be:



- **4 Spain on Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- **4 Italy on Wednesdays and Fridays**
- **4 Denmark on Mondays and Thursdays**
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Children should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days- navy blue joggers, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls: **no leggings, hoodies or jewellery.**

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PSHE

We will be looking at safety and the changing body and citizenship.

Music

During the spring term, children will be learning about the Hanami Festival (Haiku, music and performance) and Rock and Roll.

Art & DT

In Art, children will develop their sketching skills with colour pencils, creating a self-portrait. In D&T, they will explore textiles and make a wallet.

Homework

- Children should read for at least 20 minutes at home **every day**.
- They will be provided with a reading book. Please read the book.
- Children are expected to bring their **reading books back daily**.
- Children should also practise learning timetables on Times Tables Rock Stars, **daily**.
- There is a homework project for the children to complete. Using materials and things you can find at home we would like you to create one of the following:
 - **A Roman artefact**. You can use recycled materials, clay, paper mache or any other materials you can think of to create a replica of a Roman artefact.
 - **A fact file or portrait of Boudicca**. Using Google slides, docs, pen and paper or even a poster to create an information packet on Boudicca or draw/paint/mosaic a portrait of the famous warrior queen.
- Please have them ready to bring in by **10th February 2025**. We can't wait to see what you create!

Reminders

Soft start begins **at 8:40 a.m.** and **finishes at 3.10 p.m.** All the children should be in the classroom for the **8.50 a.m. lesson start**. Please arrive promptly so your child does not miss any school days.

- Please read with your child each day.
- For your child's safety, no jewellery should be worn to school.
- Ensure your child has their name inside clothes such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.
- Children can bring in a water bottle to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children to achieve their full potential.

Ms Miller-Teece
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