



WELCOME BACK FOR THE SUMMER TERM!

Important information for the parents of children in Years 3 and 4

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break! The Lower Key Stage Two team are excited, as always, to welcome you back to school for the new term ahead. We have lots of fantastic learning experiences lined up...

This term's curriculum theme is **INVENTIONS** and we launched into our new **ROMANS (Y3)** and **VIKINGS (Y4)** history topics yesterday, with a fun-filled experience day, making armour and practising battle formations!

School day timings

As we continue to follow current government guidance, the staggered start and end times of the day will remain, so that we can continue to avoid congestion during drop off and pick up times. If you have any queries regarding drop off and pick up times, please contact the school office by telephone or email. The children will continue to enter school in the same way, via their classroom fire door. They will then wash their hands and start their morning activity. Please ensure that your **child/children enter the school building on their own** so that they can settle quickly into their morning routine. If you do need to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the office to arrange a telephone call.



Reading

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." - Jim Rohn.

We strongly believe that reading for pleasure plays a vital role in children's success in all aspects of learning and later life. Therefore, we insist that children read to an adult at home at least 5 times a week and we celebrate this regular reading with our High 5 Reader competition. Please continue to sign the reading record to indicate every time your child had read. Every **Thursday**, your child will be given the opportunity to change their reading book so their book can be quarantined before going back on the reading shelf. If your child has finished their book before a Thursday, please take the opportunity to re-read the book to develop fluency and confidence. If your child has not finished their reading book by this day, they can keep it until they finish it. Reading logs will be called into school every half term for teachers to monitor reading and log High 5 Readers on our displays in the classrooms (we will request reading logs via text message). We wonder how many more High 5 winners can we get this term?!

Homework

This term's homework grid is on the school website on our curriculum page and it has also been emailed to you. Please encourage your child to complete all the challenges throughout the term, as they will enhance and consolidate their learning in school. The challenges can be completed in any order and brought into school as they are completed, to display in the classrooms. We love to receive their great work! ☺ Reading Plus / Reading Eggs should be used at home as often as possible to further support your child/children's reading. It has been proven that children make more rapid progress with their reading when accessing the program more regularly. We also recommend regular

use of TimesTable Rockstars, as by the end of Year 4, children are expected to be able to recall all times table facts up to 12 x 12. Timestable Rockstars is a fun, individualised program to support children in practising their tables at pace, to ensure that they achieve this.

Topic



Our history topic this term is the Romans! Year 4 will also be learning about the Vikings, as well as the Romans as part of our catch up curriculum! During the topic, we will discover where in the world Rome is situated, when in history the Roman Empire began and how and where they invaded! Y3 will be starting their new class text 'Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, a young Slave' and Y4 will be reading 'Attack of the Vikings' to support and enhance our history learning and subject vocabulary.

We will be exploring life in Britain during the Roman era, as well as the ruling systems in place. We will also find out what the Romans did for us by researching ROMAN INVENTIONS! At the end of term, we will be showcasing all of our learning by creating our very own Roman museum! Our science topic is Living Things and Their Habitats, which will be delivered through Forest school each Wednesday.

PE and Forest School

Years 3 and 4 will take part in **Forest School** on **Wednesday Mornings** this half term. Children must come to school appropriately dressed in their Forest School kit. **PE** for Years 3 and 4 will take place every **Tuesday** this half term. Children must continue to come to school in their PE kit on this day each week.

What to bring...

If children haven't already, please can they bring a NAMED water bottle, which will stay in school for the term to be washed to prevent the potential transmission of germs.



Reading books and **book bags** should only come into school on **Thursday**, as this is the only day books will be changed (as we still quarantine them). **Packed lunches** must come in disposable bags until the guidance changes.

Absence from school

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent. Let's aim for 100% attendance in our classes as much as we can!



Marvellous Me

We love to send messages home to keep you updated about your child's achievements in school. Please make sure that you have the Marvellous Me APP downloaded and don't forget to 'High 5' us to celebrate great progress! If you are not currently signed up, please contact Mrs Pawley in the school office and she will support you with this!

Watch out for this term's topic mat with key vocabulary and the 5 finger facts to practise with children at home! As always, we thank you for all your continued support and look forward to the exciting term ahead!

The Year 3 and 4 Team ☺

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