

Year Four Newsletter

Autumn 2

We hope that you have all had a relaxing half term. Since returning to school, the children have been working incredibly hard and we can't wait to see what they achieve over the rest of the autumn term!

English and Maths



This half term we will be looking at the book 'The Thieves of Ostia' in English. This book, set during the Ancient Ostia, tells the story of Flavia, Jonathon, Nubia and Lupus, four children living in Ostia trying to solve a mystery. We will be using this text to develop our understanding of Ancient Rome as well as writing our own narratives. Expect to hear lots of exciting facts about the Roman era!

In maths, we are going to be applying our knowledge of place value to multiplication and division. The children will be working on both their mental arithmetic skills along with practising column method to support these operations. Additionally, we will be focusing on our 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 times tables this half term. Please continue to work on the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at home.

Foundation

We are going to be exploring lots of new topics in foundation including looking at how the Romans came to live in Britain and what impact that had on our society. In RE, we will be continuing to look at Hinduism with a focus now on festivals. In science, we will be exploring sound and deepening our understanding of this topic from previous years. We will be using decibel meters to measure volume whilst looking at pitch and distance from the source. In art we will be looking at the incredible work of environmental artist Oenome Hammersley and creating mixed media observational drawings in her style.

Home Learning

All children have access to *Timetable Rockstars* from home. On this platform, children are expected to be **logging on daily for 3 minutes a day**. This is very important for our upcoming national timetable test in year 4 in Summer term.

We strongly suggest that children take some time to log on to *EdShed*, to look through the upcoming skills and complete the weekly home learning set

PE

Children should bring their PE kit every **Monday** and take these home on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has a separate blue or black T-shirt from that of their school uniform, a pair of black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers.

Home Learning Journals

Our home learning journals are a great tool to record how your child continues to practice those key skills at home. They are expected to read 3 times a week, circling the day and writing a comment about the book. Weekly spellings are also recorded with space to practice. Please monitor your child's journal to ensure that homework is completed weekly.

Thank you for your continued support.