

# Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 1 2021



It feels extra exciting writing a new newsletter for a new year group. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer with your families. It's been so lovely to see the children looking Y4 ready, and as excited as we are about the year ahead.

This term ... We start with place value, leading us to addition and subtraction. We will be recapping over the Y3 knowledge, to lay the foundations for our Y4 learning. We will be working hard on preparing the children for the Times Tables assessment at the end of the year, and will continue with our TT tests in school. As always, support from home will be invaluable to ensure the children will be able to access everything this year.

We will be sharing 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies across KS2. Each class will be producing some amazing writing. We're going to be using the school field to inspire our own free verse poems, and writing letters to our future selves.

In English we will then be reading the picture book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. This will cross curricular link to our history topic of Romans. The children will have many rich writing opportunities from this text from predictions, letter writing, planning and producing our own parallel narrative. Please encourage your child to read at home this year. Regular reading promotes confidence and enjoyment in reading aloud. Children will be allocated a reading day so it is paramount that your child has their book in school on that day. If your child has read their book, please don't hesitate in sending it back, we'll be more than happy to change it! We will still be logging reading through the Go Read app, so please make sure you have it downloaded. We can add reading rewards on the app for those working hard.

Our main topic is, 'Were the Britons sad to see the Romans leave?' We will be learning about life in Roman Britain. We will start where we left on in Y3, looking at how the Iron Age ended and the Romans invaded. We will be looking at what life would have been like and exploring why the Romans left.

In Science we will be looking at state of matter. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. I've already got lots of exciting investigations planned, including one that involves chocolate!

Finally – Spelling tests will take place on a Friday, and times tables tests throughout the week. We will send spellings home every Monday. Homework books will not be sent home this year, as we want to focus on the basic skills of reading at home, spellings and practicing times tables.

## How you can help

**MATHS** –You can access [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) for fun ways to help. We will be developing our understanding of place value, + - X ÷. <https://trockstars.com/> will be an invaluable tool at home to help your child prepare for the assessment. We will also be using it in school too. We will send in log in reminders home over the next few days.

**PE** – PE is on a **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoon with the sports coach. **Please ensure that your child comes to school in their kit on those days.** Also please remember no earrings on PE days, and long hair tied up.

## Communication

Please don't forget to connect to your child's dojo account, I will be using it to send work selfies, and sharing our news on class story. 5 dojos for all children who have connected parents!

The dojo account is a brilliant tool to send messages, so please feel free to use it to send messages into school. I'm looking forward to sending lots of positive messages home about brilliant work.

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