

Year 4 - Trips for the Year

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

The year 4 team have been busy planning some exciting activities for the children that link in with their learning. In order to give you a whole year overview and to help with financial planning (transport costs add a significant amount to the cost of a trip), we have planned a mixture of onsite **and** offsite activities. These include an in-house Roman Workshop, an in-house dance workshop and swimming lessons at Queen Mary's College pool with Kim Chapman Swimming School.

Roman Workshop - <https://www.portalstothepast.co.uk/classes/ks2-romans/>

In the morning, the children will learn about domestic life, slavery and schooling and will be able to handle some real Roman artefacts. In the afternoon they will have a session led by 'Roman soldiers' who will drill them in Latin; some will have a chance to wear Roman armour and practise the famous tortoise formation.

Other activities include:

- Delta – a Roman numeral, maths-based game
- Roman quiz
- Segedunum – a simple and fun Roman game
- A display of Roman and Celtic weapons and armour
- Boudicca's final battle with the Romans

We are requesting a contribution of **£7.00** for this activity.



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Thank you so much for an amazing day!!! The children are buzzing with excitement
– they all want to be a Roman soldier.

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Swimming Lessons - <https://www.kimchapmanswimmingschool.co.uk/>

The children will receive 30 minutes tuition each week from qualified instructors from The Kim Chapman Swimming School at Queen Mary's College. It is expected that your child will take part in this programme as it is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum.

They will need to bring in a swimming costume, towel, goggles (if required) and **swimming caps (these are compulsory)** in a waterproof bag so that they can dry and change properly again afterwards. If they decide to wear their costume underneath their school uniform, please remember to **pack underwear**.

If your child suffers from asthma, their inhaler will be taken to the lessons each week. We hope that by the end of the course all children will have become swimmers and those who can already swim will show improvement.

Pupils will be transported by a licenced minibus; we are requesting a contribution of **£22.50** towards this transport cost. The school will be paying for the cost of the swimming lessons and so no contribution is requested to cover these costs.

Dance Workshop

We are excited to invite the Kings Theatre Academy to come into school and run a dance workshop supporting our learning in class. They will be creating a dance responding to music and linking to their Summer term topic of 'Saving the World'. Children will need to be in PE kits for the day of their workshop.

This workshop will be entirely funded by the school, so there is no cost for this activity.

| TRIP DATES | Rooksdown | Greenbank |
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| Roman Workshop | Tuesday 24 th September 2024 | Wednesday 25 th September 2024 |
| Swimming Lessons | Monday 13 th January to Monday 10 th February 2025 | Wednesday 26 th February to Wednesday 2 nd April 2025 |
| Dance Workshop | Summer Term TBC | Summer Term TBC |

The cost for these workshops and trips will appear on your child's Scopay in advance of the date for each trip/activity. The amounts are calculated assuming that each child takes part and contributes to ensure we raise sufficient funds. Please note should there be insufficient voluntary contributions the school reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip. By making these contributions you are helping to ensure that the school funds go further. Please note that if your child receives pupil premium funding the cost of the activity will be covered using their funding allocation.

As we are a cashless school, please pay online via scopay.com. If you would like a link code to set up an online payment account, please contact the school office.

We are looking forward to some exciting experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 4 Team