

Welcome back to the new school year, Autumn Term! 😊

We hope you managed to enjoy your Summer and were able to get some fresh air and enjoy the sunshine!

The start of the new school year has been busy but successful with the Year 3 children adapting well to KS2 life and our year 4 children stepping up to the expectations of year 4. This half term, our enguiry question is 'How did the fire of Colchester start?' and we will be exploring the book 'Boudicca' as part of our Power of Reading/English sessions. Children have shown great enthusiasm and we cannot wait for our first school trip this year to Segedunum!! Year 3 and 4 will be developing their reading and spelling skills through our whole school approach to phonics, Sounds Write. These sessions will take place weekly.

We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of learning...and fun!

#### $\odot$ Year 3 and 4 team

P.E DAYS: Children are to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days with jogging bottoms and a hoodie/track top over the top to keep them warm. Trainers or plimsolls are O.K but please be mindful of wearing plimsolls when it is raining as we aim to be outside as much as we can! Red t-shirts please, no football tops.

Miss Weetman: Wednesday and Thursday

Mrs Freeman: Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Norris: Thursday and Friday

Marvellous Me! Don't forget to download the Marvellous Me App if you haven't already! We want to tell you all about your child's learning. If you need a new joining code, just ask your child's teacher.

# **School Uniform:**

Navy blue sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan.

Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore dress.

White polo shirt.

School shoes – No trainers, except for PE days.



#### <u>English</u>

 Text Type: Diary entry, Recount, Information Text, Historical Narrative.

Children will be developing KS2 Non-Negotiables as well as sentence types.

- Handwriting- neat cursive and joined.
- Capital; letters at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns.
- Spell subject specific vocabulary correctly.

### <u>Topic</u>

Through our topic work, we will focus our learning around the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Children will discuss the British resistance, Boudicca and her Celtic



Through our Geography work, we will also be learning to locate other countries around the world and develop a locality project, which will reveal how the local landscape has changed over time.

### **Important Dates**

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - Project homework given out

#### Friday 17 September- PD day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept- Segedunum Trip

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Segedunum Trip

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept- European Day of Languages

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct- Mental Health Day

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct- PD Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct- Cultural Day- Italy Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov- NSPCC Assembly Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> November- Open Morning Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov- Anti-Bullying Week

#### Homework

Half-termly project homework has now gone out. The children are encouraged to bring in one piece of homework each week to share with their class.

The children will also be given spelling and maths homework on a Friday ready for spelling tests the following week. Please support your child by practising at home. <u>Reading at home</u>

Don't forget to sign your child's reading diary when you listen to them read.

- <u>Maths</u>
- Place Value. (H,T,0, Year3) (Th,H,T,O, Year 4)
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Children will be developing their fluency and accuracy throughout their Math's lessons and through using the Times Tables Rock stars App. Children are able to log on to this App outside of school too.



<u>Science</u>

Autumn 1: Sound Autumn 2: Light

Children will be learning all about sound and will carry out investigations to test theories and come up with results and conclusions.

Computing

In computing, we will be focusing our

learning around e-safety.

In today's world, digital technologies

are a fantastic way of learning, entertainment, discoveries and

communication. Children will learn how

to keep themselves safe when online and how to recognise any potential

online danger.



#### PSHE

A huge focus in everyday classes and during focused PSHE lessons will be well-being and mental health. We want the children to discuss and recognise different emotions, feelings or worries. We will also explore our learning

question...

# What strength skills and interests do we have?



## <u>Come and talk to us!</u>

We are more than happy to have a quick chat after

school! Please be mindful that initially, staff are making sure that children reach their adults on the yard safely as part of health and safety/safeguarding, please do wait until the majority of children are with their adults. Thank you for your patience.

## <u>SUPER STUDENT!</u>

Every Friday two children from each class are chosen to be super students. Super students are announced in the Friday's whole school assembly. To be chosen for a super student at the end of the week your child must:

- Attend school EVERY DAY.
- Arrive at school on time EVERY DAY.
- Wear school uniform EVERY DAY.
- Complete their homework.
- Bring their book bag to school **EVERY DAY**.
- Have excellent behaviour.

