

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful start to 2025.

Our topic for this term is 'Rule Britannia'. Please look at the attached Topic Web to find out what we're doing for each subject. On Wednesday 12th February, we will be having a Topic afternoon and an Evacuee dress-up day. Parents are invited to the Topic afternoon that day from 2:30pm to 3pm, further details will be sent nearer the time.

Each day, children are expected to read at home using the reading book which matches their coloured band or their library book. Do let us know via the new reading record or Class Dojo if you feel that they are finding home reading books too easy or too challenging. They should take home a second book which they can choose from the school library. Please ensure that these books are returned to school when they have finished with them and that reading records are completed and returned to school each day for us to check.

The children are also expected to work on their times tables recall every night. There is a national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer for all Year 4 children so the earlier that your child can recall all their times tables quickly, the better! The expectation by the time of the MTC in Year 4 is that children need to recall each of their times tables within 6 seconds. Being able to recall all of the times tables facts up to 12x12 quickly will also make calculations in Years 5 and 6 easier.

The children will take home a red homework book near the start of each term for the children to choose some homework activities linked to our topic to complete. This homework needs to be completed by the end of each term and can be sent in using the learning done in the red homework books or on media via Class Dojo.

If you would like your child to have a snack at break time, please provide a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables e.g carrot sticks, apple, banana.

PE kits need to be bought into school and kept into school for the term. Here is a reminder of the school's PE kit expectations:

- White t-shirt (plain or small logo)
- Black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings (plain or small logo)
- Black sweatshirt (plain or small logo – or school uniform sweatshirt/cardigan is fine)
- Trainers
- Long hair must be tied back
- No jewellery (earrings removed or covered with tape)

We would like to stress the importance of punctuality and attendance in Year 4 – it is crucial that children don't miss out on important blocks of learning. The classroom doors open at 8:30am each day, ready for the register to start at 8:35am.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us or send us a message on Class Dojo.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mr. Sedgwick and Mr McGann