

EMPERORS AND INVADERS: WHAT DID THE ROMANS EVER DO FOR YOU?



Year Four Autumn Term Newsletter, September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children to Year 4 and we have all had a great start to the year settling into our new class. The year 4 teaching team are enjoying teaching and caring for the children who are already showing an eagerness to learn and have made a positive start of the academic year. We will do our best to provide a happy, stimulating learning environment, with activities pitched at the right level for your child to thrive. The purpose of this letter is to let you know basic details about the Year Four timetable, curriculum and organisation this year. As it is early in the term, it is possible that some details may change.

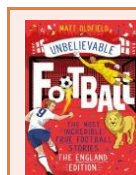
Your child will be encouraged to be more independent this year. Each child's labelled peg in the cloakroom is easy to find for their coat and other belongings. Please ensure any clothing your child brings to school is labelled. Water bottles are kept in the classroom for easy access, and we will encourage them to drink regularly. If the children bring in pencil cases, they will be allowed to use them during certain lessons. However, they will need to keep them in their bags or trays and are responsible for these and looking after their own possessions. We ask that toys and fidget tools/toys are left at home. If your child needs a fidget tool, this needs to be agreed with Molly Walker (SENDCO) and we will provide one for them, which will be kept in school.

At the moment, P.E. is timetabled for Friday afternoons, when we will be learning to play cricket and then handball. Children will need to come to school dressed in the correct PE clothing on this day. They should wear a white PE t-shirt, black/dark grey shorts jogging bottoms or leggings, and wear a red sweat-shirt as normal. They must wear trainers for their PE lesson on a Friday. Please note, we will also be taking part in the 'Daily Mile' or 'Active Challenge' on some mornings across the week to help the children be more physically active, so correct footwear is essential. We are swimming every Tuesday morning at St Luke's Swimming Pool until the end of term. Children are to either meet in the school hall at 8:20am or at the swimming pool at 9:00am. The children must stay with an adult, before school staff arrive at the pool. Children are to wear either a swimming costume (no bikinis or two-piece costumes are allowed) or swim shorts, and are to bring their swimming hats that we sent home after this weeks session. If your child is not swimming for a medical reason, they must attend the swimming pool and watch, as there are no staff at school to look after them. Please provide a reason to school staff as to why your child is not swimming. We are so pleased that we can offer timetabled physical activity to the children most days of the week.

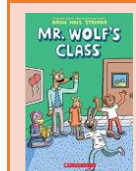
Home-learning is to be set on Fridays for 8 weeks of the term - 4 weeks either side of the half-term. To start the year this will be sent home as worksheets, consisting of a spelling sheet and a maths activity. There will be weekly spelling tests so really encourage your child to try to learn their spellings, with the chance to win spelling stars and extra playtime! Children in Year 4 are now required by government to sit a times table test each year. The test is scheduled for June 2027 and children are expected to know their times table facts up to 12x12, inline with their Master of Maths Facts cards. We will be practising this a lot during class learning time, and it will be of great benefit for children to practise these when

they can at home as well, either by completing Times Table Rockstars challenges or by completing practise tests at <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Your child should be **reading at home daily**. Please support your child with their reading by listening to them or reading to them at home as this is extremely important. It helps to support your child's writing and is a fantastic way for children to develop their confidence and enjoyment of reading. Children are able to take books home from the Year 4 book corner and school library. Most children will also receive a book from our reading scheme with a reading journal, in a book wallet. Please record their reading in their reading journals. Any kind of reading counts, including reading recipes, newspapers, researching online etc. Children should bring their reading wallets, books and reading journals back into school **every Thursday**, where they will be marked, and children will be awarded achievement stickers for reading consistently over the week. It is very important that these books are sent back to us so that they can be changed and used by other children. There is a Year 4 Book Club list with 5 exciting books with recommended books that your child should enjoy, which will inspire them to get reading!



Unbelievable Football by Matt Oldfield



Mr Wolf's Class by Aron Nels Steinke



Magicat by Jennifer Gray & Amanda Swift



Space Band by Tom Fletcher



Bunny vs Monkey by Jamie Smart

Additionally each term your child will be given a choice of take away tasks, linked to the current topic- see the attached letter. Completed tasks can be returned to school by the end of term to share in class or please photograph or film anything they produce. We always share and celebrate their efforts in school and Head Teachers Awards will be on offer for outstanding research, effort and work! You will also find attached to this letter a detailed learning journey for the coming term.

We have got many exciting opportunities lined up for the class, this term, and are in the process of organising these. We will provide further information closer to the time once these are confirmed: KS2 Trip to The Tower of London (24th Sept), a trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace, and the St Martins day play at Church (November).

Your child's well-being is of utmost importance; please do come and find me after school or contact me via the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support, and we look forward to working with you and getting to know you and your child even better over the coming year.

Many thanks, Kind regards,

Mrs Flanagan (class teacher),

Miss Hobbs(student teacher) and Miss Bird Year 4 Teaching Assistant.