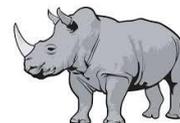


# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We have a very exciting time ahead of us. In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the Autumn Term.

Class	Year 4 –Rhino and Elephant	
Class Teacher	Miss Tyler, Mrs Chessum (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Edwards (Wednesday-Friday)	
Other teachers teaching the class	Mr Trick (Wednesday AM) (Rhino) Mrs Lacey (Wednesday AM) (Elephant) In case of sickness or absence other adults may be in the class.	
Support staff working in the classroom	Rhino: Mrs Booth-Downs Mrs Williams Elephants: Mrs. Matthews	
Home learning	Please hear your child read every day and record this in their reading record. Mathletics is set on a weekly basis to help children practise and reinforce maths skills taught in school. Details of other home learning activities will follow shortly.	
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 10 minutes each day. Please remember to sign the reading record when you have heard your child read, indicating the page number reached. Any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.	
PE kits	Our PE days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ensure <b>named</b> PE kits are in school every day. All jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.	
Planned trips this term:	Roman Day – in school Power to the people – tbc	
Theme work	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
	<i>Rotten Romans</i>	<i>Power to the People</i>

We have outlined below an overview of our learning this term which will help you to support your child at home. If you have any questions about these topics, please come and talk to us.

## **Literacy**

This term, in class we will begin looking at the features of non-fiction texts and write our own non-chronological reports on the Roman invasion. After this we will focus on myths and legends. Our Guided reading groups continue to develop the children's comprehension and thinking skills, with an emphasis on inferential questions.

## **Maths**

In Maths, our learning focus will begin with looking at place value and addition and subtraction. We will move onto shape, multiplication, fractions and decimals later in the term.

## **RE**

As a school we will be learning through our collective worship sessions and in class about the Christian value of wisdom. In R.E, our learning focuses on Christianity; what features there are in the church, the importance of prayer and signs and symbols used in the Christian faith.

## **PE**

Our PE Games focus will be working well as a team. In gymnastics we will use various skills to enable creativity and "branching out activities" to relate and apply gymnastic skills to the wider sporting world.

## **Computing**

In computing we will be focusing on how to code computer programmes using the LearnPads. Computer skills will also be used across the curriculum. The children will have the opportunity to design and create using Publisher, PowerPoint, and Word documents.

## **Theme**

Our theme this half term is 'Rotten Romans.' The children will learn about ancient Rome, and we will look at events such as the Roman invasion of Britain and also look at Roman houses, inventions and food. We will have a Roman Day, where the children get to imagine they are true Romans for the day, they will dress up in Roman clothes and take part in a drama workshop. They will be creating, composing and performing their own music, as well as listening to the music of other cultures. Much of the art work created this term will link across the curriculum in line with our theme and the children will look at a range of artists and will develop their skills in painting, drawing, observation, and printing. After half term we will be starting our new theme called 'Power to the People'. The children will be learning all about electricity and creating some scientific investigations involving circuits.

It is a busy and exciting term which we are sure your children will enjoy.

If you have any questions, feel free to catch one of the year 4 team and we will be happy to help. If you are interested in helping out in the classroom in any way, please let us know as we always welcome help with activities such as listening to children read.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Tyler, Mrs Chessum and Mrs Edwards

