



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday! This term, we are delighted to be travelling back in time to Roman Britain. In this history topic, we will be developing an understanding of the Roman Civilisation, their reasons for coming to Britain and what impact they had. To celebrate the end of this topic, we are planning a fun and educational 'Roman Day' where children will have the opportunity to dress up and experience life as a Roman. We will also be looking at Roman Myths and legends in English, composing music linked to this theme, creating our own mosaics and building Roman Chariots in DT.

In English, we will be looking at two whole class texts, 'The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas' and 'The Great Ice-cream Heist'. These two very different books will give us the opportunity to hone our comprehension skills and create some amazing written outcomes such as diary entries, letters and our own stories. We will also be creating non-fiction texts based on the Romans.



In maths, we will continue to work on our skills in calculation, securing our times table knowledge and developing our problem solving and reasoning skills. We're going to test our green fingers in science as we study the best conditions to grow plants in and in the second half term, we will make the most of the sunshine while we study reflection and shadows in our concept of light.

In PE, we will be focusing on athletics and racket sports and some children will be taking part in optional swimming at Bishops Waltham pool. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for all PE sessions and as the weather begins to get warmer (we hope!) it may be useful to pack your child a hat and some sun cream.

Helping your child at home

Last term it was lovely to see all the artefacts that the children brought in and it would be great if this could continue. Also we value your expertise so if you have particular knowledge or skills about any of our subjects that you could share then please get in touch.

Please continue to encourage your child to bring their reading diary in every day. They are an important record of their reading and are often used in guided reading and English sessions. Listening to your children read is really important, even for confident readers, as discussing the book helps to improve their understanding. Children need to be practicing their spellings and also be learning the rule. For maths, it's a case of tables, tables, tables! Practising them in a variety of ways to encourage speed and accuracy will make maths lessons easier for your child!

Special events for Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 17th - Author visit - Steve Cole
Thursday 29th- Friday 30th June -Year 3 Camp
Wednesday 19th July - Roman Day