



Year 3 and 4 Summer Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday!

This term, we will 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. This will also coincide with the **open afternoon** so that you have the opportunity to come in and see what the children have been learning. We will also be looking at **Roman Myths and legends** in English, composing music linked to this theme and building **Roman Chariots and mosaics** in Art and DT.

In English, we will be looking at two whole class texts, '**The Great Ice-cream Heist**' and '**Varjak Paw**'. These two very different books will give us the opportunity to hone our comprehension skills and create a range of written outcomes such as newspapers, narratives and persuasive letters. 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 will also be looking at **time, statistics and geometry**. 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 be learning about **forces and magnets!**



In PE, we will be focusing on **athletics and cricket** and some children will be continuing to take part in swimming. 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

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. Reading bookmarks will be sent home at the start of term with some examples of comprehension questions that you could use when reading with your child. Children need to be practising their spellings and also be learning the rules. 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! Don't forget Times Table Rockstars!

Special events for Year 3 and 4

Thursday 20th June- Sports Day

Thursday 27th- Friday 28th June – Friday -Year 3 Camp

Thursday 4th July- Changeover Day

Thursday 18th July- Author Visit and Roving Bookshop

Tuesday 16th July- Open Afternoon