



Year 4

Half Termly Update

Summer 2

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely having the children back this week. They have been working extremely hard and we are so proud of how well they have learnt their times tables! Thank you for your continued support with this. P.E will continue to take place on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes into school in their full P.E. kit. Please remind your children to complete assignments on Doodle Maths, their spelling homework and to complete their daily reading. This term, the children will be taking part in an exciting sports day, a trip to the London Roman Amphitheatre and the end of year trip to Highgate Woods. Please contact Mal, Jessie or Shumana if you have any questions.

English – Writing

This half term, the children will show off their creativity by writing their own Roman myth. They will read different Roman myths for inspiration. They will also write a non-chronological report about the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain. We will continue to develop vocabulary, punctuation and spelling. Weekly editing lessons will continue to target children's proofreading and editing skills so that their final published pieces always reflect their abilities.

English – Reading

This half term, the children will read *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. We will continue to work on key skills such as retrieval, inference and summarising. We will use hot-seating to explore the character's thoughts and feelings. We will continue to discuss why characters are feeling the way they do and why the author has chosen particular words. We will also continue to have reading for pleasure slots. Please continue to read with your child every day, and encourage them to write a comment in their reading diary.

Maths

This half term, the children will learn about time, shape, coordinates and statistics. They will revise everything they have learnt in Year Four, including consolidation of their key calculation methods, number facts and times tables. They will apply their knowledge of number and calculation to a range of real-life problems, including money and measures. They will practise applying their knowledge to two-step problems, using reasoning and explaining their thinking.

History: Roman Britain

Children will explore why the Romans invaded Britain, the lives of soldiers in the Roman army, Boudica's rebellion and the daily lives of Romans and how it's different to how we live today. They will also learn about the positive impact the Romans had on Britain and the legacies they left behind. They will then explore why the Roman Empire came to an end.

Science: Animals including humans

The children will learn about the human digestive system. They will learn to recognise different types of teeth in humans and explain their function. They will also explain how teeth can show if an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. Finally, the children will describe and explain a variety of food chains, naming producers, predators and prey.

PSHE:

In PSHE, the children will be learning about the definition of democracy. They will begin to gain an understanding about how laws are made and about the United Kingdom government. Later in the half term, in RSE, they will be learning about puberty; their hygiene and the impact on their emotions.

PE

The children will be working on athletic skills; the techniques for different running distances, throwing skills and how to participate in range of different jumping events. They will also continue to participate in weekly gymnastics, dance and fitness sessions.

Computing

Children will be looking at digital citizenship initially. They then will be using Scratch to learn how to program to make and manipulate shapes.

Music

Children will continue to learn to play Ukulele with Lena, our music specialist teacher. They will continue to practise singing, exploring pitch, tempo and dynamics.

Homework

Children must read every day and sign their reading diary. Weekly spelling will be given on Friday every week. Please practise the spellings with your child. Please also have a look at the homework grids in the homework books and support your child where possible to complete all the tasks. Weekly Doodle Maths/Tables homework must be completed.