

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Our School Rules

***Be safe.***

***Be kind.***

***Be responsible.***



## Welcome back everyone!

Welcome back to a new term! Our topic for the Summer term is The Romans. It was great taking the children to Birch Hall. We are also excited for our Colchester castle trip by train linked to our Roman topic.

Miss Baxter, Miss Sales, Miss Ward

## Our learning this half term

**Maths** – We are continuing to learn the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and we are using them to solve problems and reason. We will have a focus on Fractions and Decimals as well as time and shape.

In June, the children will take their times table check. They will be asked 25 questions in 2 ½ minutes, that is 6 seconds per questions. You can support your child by helping them learn their times tables. You could play TTRS or hit the button (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>).

**English**– This term we will be writing mystery narratives, persuasive leaflets, legends from other cultures and letters. We will be focusing on several grammar features including adverbial phrases, conjunctions to form different sentence types, possessive apostrophes and writing in paragraphs. We will continue to look at spelling patterns and learn the Year 4 common exception words.

**Other subjects** – Following on from the Egyptians, we will be looking at the Romans. We will focus on how the Romans invaded Britain, famous Roman leaders, what the Romans left behind for us, as well as life in Roman times.

This term we will learning about Biomes and developing our Geographical skills. We will be looking at OS maps and grid references to support our understanding of the local area.

This term, we are focusing on living things including habitats and digestions. We will also focus on a number of scientific skills while carrying out investigations.

During PSHE we will be looking at being a good citizen and our rights and responsibilities. We will include mindfulness and learning mindfulness skills.

**'Learning to Learn'** - We are continuing to promote Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: determination, effort and never giving up! Children will also develop their reflection skills. This is where the children will be taught to look at the work they have done and think about how they could make it even better next time.

### Supporting Learning at Home

- Encourage your child to read a range of genres and narrative types.
- Continually practise multiplication and division facts, with quick recall.
- Use pictures as inspiration for story writing.
- Review spelling of Year Three/Four words.
- Practise written methods for adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers, and for multiplying 2-digit by 1-digit numbers.

### Reading

Reading is a vital skill for learning. The best readers are those that read outside of school and talk about what they have read. Therefore, we expect children to read at home at least 3 times a week. **Books will be changed once a week. They will only be changed if your child has read their book 3 or more times that week.** Please make sure your child has their book in school every day.

Children can record any reading that they do in their reading logs, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals and manuals. To promote a love of reading, please share other books with your child. These could be from home or the local library, and count as one of their 3 weekly reads.

### Important dates

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Half term

Monday 2<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Multiplication check window

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Non-pupil day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Colchester Castle Trip

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day (AM)

### Named uniform

Sometimes children may misplace belongings in school. To help ensure your child has the correct uniform returned to them, please make sure all of their uniform is named. *This includes jumpers and cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.*

### P.E. kits

Children may come to school in their PE Kits on PE days.

PE kit uniform expectations: Plain white T-shirt, Black or grey jogging bottoms/sports trousers (no leggings as these can become see through), Black PE shorts (no cycling shorts), School Jumper or cardigan (no branded jumpers or hoodies), Sports Trainers

### Drinks

Children should bring a named bottle **with water** to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.