



# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term



### This Term

**Our topics for this term are 'The Romans Impact on Britain', 'Teeth and Digestion', 'The Girl Who Stole the Elephant'.**

**English:** This term we will use the texts 'Pompeii' and 'The Girl Who Stole the Elephant' as stimulus for our writing. We will complete diary writing, non-chronological reports and character descriptions as well as other genres throughout the term.

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Focus-

- Learning and revisiting spelling strategies
- Learning words from the Year 3-4 spelling lists
- Present perfect tense verbs in contrast to the past tense
- Paragraphs and organising ideas (using different pronouns and nouns to avoid repetition)
- Paragraphs
- Pronouns I, me, we, us
- Adverbs to express time and cause

Reading: Our reading focus: Revolting Rhymes and Fantastic Mr Fox.

Throughout this half term we will study the skills of reading, including retrieval and inference based on the Year 4 Reading Expectations.

### Maths

KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this term are:

- Know number bonds (complements) of 100.
- Mentally calculate near doubles.
- Know multiplication and division facts for the 7 x table
- Know multiplication and division facts for the 12 x table

In Maths, we will be learning about place value progressing to numbers up to 10, 000. This will include representing and understanding the value of each digit, ordering numbers, more than and less than 10, 100 and 1000. We will be learning to count in 25s and 50's from different starting points, within the 100s. To link to our topic on Romans and as part of the national curriculum requirements we will be investing and using Roman numerals. We will apply our knowledge of place value to complete 4-digit column addition and subtraction, with and without exchanges.

All of our maths work will include a range of pictorial and practical resources alongside formal written methods as well as reasoning and problem solving tasks for all.

Year 4 is an important year for timestables and we complete the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the Summer Term, we will invite you in over the coming term to talk to you more about this. We will support the children with regular opportunities to practise timestables to 12 x 12 through use of recall activities, games and Times Table Rockstars. We will be launching TTRockstars officially with a very special event in Autumn A, more information will follow!

### Foundation Subjects

**Science:** We will progress learning on living things and their habitats, investigating food chains, vertebrates and invertebrates as well as plants. Children will also investigate the positive and negative impacts of the environment around them on living things and their habitats. There will be some messy experiments to make the children go 'urgh' whilst exploring the human digestive system as well as learning about different types of teeth and mouth hygiene.

**Art:** In the first half term, we will be bringing stories to life through drawing, exploring how artists create sequenced drawings to share and tell stories. We will apply our own ideas by creating accordion books or comic strips to retell poetry or prose through drawing.

**D.T.** will take place in the second half term, we will be baking a yummy courgette cake using key cooking skills and, of course, tasting too! We will use a Fair Trade recipe and ingredients, where possible, exploring and understanding that food is grown, reared and caught in the UK, Europe and the wider world.

**RSHE:** To support with transition to Year 4, children will partake in a range of activities such as aspirations, rights and responsibilities and putting our new 'Golden Rules' into practise. Children will also learn key skills in First Aid, such as how to support with bleeding or head injuries. Children will also have the opportunity to celebrate families and people who care for us, learning and accepting that families come in all shapes and sizes.

**RE:** Children will explore how important events are remembered. We look forward to hearing the children's experiences and sharing precious memories with them. We will be

learning about how different religions celebrate important events and will be rehearsing a very special Diwali assembly for you to come and watch on the morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will give you more details soon. There will also be a Christmas performance too.

**Computing:** We will start the year by looking at safety online and signing our Acceptable Use policy. We will learn about networks and how the internet works. In the second half term, we will explore Audacity and create and edit our own audio podcasts.

**Music:** Mrs Harron, our external music teacher, will be teaching us how to play the keyboards in our newly developed music space.

**French:** Children will be expanding on their French vocabulary both written and verbal. Topics for the term are 'welcome' and 'my area, your area'.

**History:** History will be a key focus for the first half term. Children will step back in time to discover the impact of Roman life on Modern Day Britain. Learning will include understanding why the Romans came to Britain in the first place, why their army was successful and what caused resistance, how the development of Roman landscape changed Britain today and the evaluating the legacy of the Roman's on Britain today.

**Geography:** In the second half of Autumn term, we will be taking the children on a road trip across North and South America!'. If any of you have visited or have relatives, we'd love pictures, stories or anything of interest to be shared that links to the geographical features, both human and physical. If you have somebody who we could email with questions, that would be fantastic! We will put out this request again around half term, in readiness for November.

**P.E.:** Monday's will be led by Utopia Gymnastics for the first half term, in partnership with Pennine Sports Partnership (PSP). The focus will be 'symmetry, balance, travel. A PSP coach will be leading in the second half term but the objective has not been confirmed as yet. All classes will have their second PE lesson on a Thursday. Where possible, we will be outside so please ensure appropriate footwear (trainers) and a jumper/hoodie where possible. Pumps/shoes are not appropriate for outside. The focus for this half term will be 'hands, feet, equipment,', progressing to 'strike, react, rally' after half term.

### Reminders

Reading books and records need to be in school daily – books will be changed twice weekly. Please comment when you read with your child, so we know to swap the book.

Spellings issued on Mondays and tested the following Monday, with activities set on Spelling Shed.

Times tables are to be rehearsed on Times Table Rockstars [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

**PE days: All classes will have PE on a Monday and Thursday.**

Kit reminder: Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every day (Trainers are needed for outdoor PE). PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. Tape for earrings and hair bobbles are required as part of our health and safety policy.

### Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support.

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**Please note that these emails are not checked daily. If your query is urgent, please call the school office on 01484 655800.**

### Important Dates

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 4.45pm**-Cliffe House Residential Parents Information session

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**-Tempest Individual/Sibling Photos

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**-close for Half Term (School closed for training on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**-Reopen for Autumn B term.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**-Diwali assembly

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November @ 4.45-5.15pm**-Multiplication Check information evening

