

# Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2

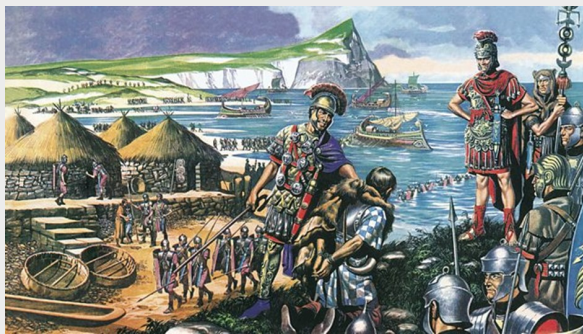


We have had a fantastic start to the year!

Last term, the children all enjoyed carrying out investigations in science and exploring with mixed media in art.

This term is set to be a good one!

We have our trip to Fort Nelson coming up where the children will learn what it was like to be a real Roman.



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## Announcements

PE lessons will continue on **Tuesdays** so please continue to make sure children have appropriate sports wear in school.

Library day is every **Tuesday** so please return books each week for then.

Homework: we would like all children to be practising their times tables each week.

## Diary Dates

Fort Nelson Trip will be the 7th (4DT) or 9th (4SG) of November.

## Spellings

Topic spelling words for

The Romans:

Roman	empire
emperor	society
soldier	Senate
invasion	settlement
	Rome

## Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

In PSHE , we will be thinking about 'Celebrating Differences'. Isn't it brilliant how we are all different!

Can you start to think at home, about what makes you special and different to others?

In RE, we will be learning about the Christmas story. Our key question is:

What is the most significant part of the nativity story to Christians?

Can you retell the Christmas Story ?

## English

As writers this half term, we will be reading a book by the famous author **Michael Morpurgo** called 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. The children will have the opportunity to write as the main character of the story and describe all about his adventures.



Can you find out anything about sailing and sail boats?

## Spanish

We will be learning how to say different places in Spanish.

Can you remember how to count to 20 in Spanish?

Can you remember colours and animals in Spanish?

## Science

As scientists, we will be learning about Healthy Eating and also learning all about our **TEETH** and **DIGESTIVE SYSTEM**.

Can you tell your adult what do you know about teeth already?

How many?

Are there different types?

## Art

As artists this half term, we will be exploring landscapes by **David Hockney** and painting landscapes similar to his **POPART** designs.

## Maths

We will be learning how to calculate perimeter and finding the most efficient methods to solve problems. We will then be moving on to multiplication and division using arrays and grid method to help solve problems.

Which times tables do you know already? Which ones do you need to learn?

Use Mathsframe multiplication check to see how fast you can recall your multiplication facts.

## History

This half term, our topic will be The Romans. We will learn what it was like to be part of a Roman civilisation and we will explore how long ago The Romans invaded Great Britain.

We even have our trip to Fort Nelson!

## Year 4 Reading Challenge

Well done to those children who completed the reading challenges last half term! The children that read at least 4 times a week always go home with a super prize on Fridays! We will continue this into Autumn 2 and have even more rewards! Once you've finished your book you will be able to do an Accelerated Reader quiz and earn points! How many can you earn this year?