

# Year 4 Newsletter

## January 2020

**English** - We will be reading Roman myths and innovating them to write our own versions. We will use talk for writing to retell the myths that we've read. The children will learn about developing the character and setting, as well as following the story mountain sequence to write imaginative myths.

This half term we will continue to build on dictionary and thesaurus work, to help the children become independent learners. They will have opportunities to find meanings of new words and substitute common words for more interesting ones.

Our SPAG lessons (spelling, punctuation and grammar) will focus on using an apostrophe for plural noun possession. The children will be expected to complete homework based on what they have learned in class. The children will be developing complex sentences using a range of different sentence starters eg instead of just 'The Romans enjoyed food, the children could write - The Romans enjoyed food, loved marching but hated the weather in Britain.'

### Swimming

**Despite the change in the weather, children will continue to go swimming on a Monday.**

The children need to wear a waterproof coat to school with a hood or hat, as we will continue to walk to the Hough End Swimming baths.

### How would we survive without water?

In Science, we will be learning about states of matter. We will be learning about particles in solids, liquids and gases. We will ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. The children will make careful observations and report on their findings, using drawings, tables of results and orally present their results.



Click the link to go to the school blog and leave a comment. Dojo points will be given.

### Maths

In Maths, we will focus mainly on multiplication and division this half term. The children will learn to recognise patterns in multiples and show 'number sense' when finding answers to problems such as: if I know

$$2 \times 12 = 24 \quad \text{then } 4 \times 12 \text{ (must be double } 24) = 48$$

They will also recognise the inverse and write appropriate division sentences to make a 'number family.'

Olympic times table challenges will be regularly set, so get practising at home using the links on the school blog. This is great preparation for the summer multiplication speed check that the children will take in June.

### Attendance

It is vital that your child gets to school on-time every day. The doors are open from 8.50am so your child can complete their morning task, before the bell goes at 9.00 am. Classes are rewarded with £5 vouchers for the best attendance.

**Can you get 100% attendance this half term?**

### P.E. kit

The children do outdoor sports every Friday, please make sure that your child is prepared and has black shorts/leggings and a white top. They may want a warm tracksuit to wear during this cold weather.

They are on sale now in the office.

### Roman trip to Chester

Please could you complete the permission slip as soon as possible? You can pay in instalments if you wish to or set up payments using 'Parent pay.'