

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 4,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a great break, and we're very happy to welcome you and your child into their new class. Our overall topic for the first half term is The Romans. Many aspects of the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

### English

Our first text this year is 'The Lost Thing', where the children will be learning to create extended noun phrases and to start sentences in different, interesting ways. They will create their own Lost Thing and create a detailed character description based on it. Later in the term, they will create a thorough setting description based on a spooky, suspenseful setting.

### Maths

The children will be extending and securing their understanding of place value with 4-digit numbers, what each digit means and as well as mental addition and subtraction strategies. They will learn to use written methods for addition and subtraction of 3- and 4-digit numbers. We will also spend time recapping and consolidating rapid recall of 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 10x tables including inverse operations.

### Science

Our Science focus this half term is state of matter where the children will be learning the differences between solids, liquids, and gases.

### Art/Music/Dance/Drama

In Art, the children will study comic strips and then create their own accordion books retelling the story of 'Romulus and Remus'. Drama will be based on our English texts.

### History/Geography

We will locate the Roman Empire historically, learn about Roman Britain and make comparisons with modern Britain. We will look at the vast geographical area that the Roman Empire invaded and conquered.

### PSHME

We will focus on media literacy and digital resilience.

### RE

We will be learning about Judaism and the holy day of Shabbat.

### Computing

The children will learn about computer systems and networks.

### DT

The children will be exploring recipes and making and soup.

### MFL

We are going to focus on the music, dance, geography and history of Colombia.

### P.E.

In PE we will be learning to play hockey outside and our indoor PE will focus on playing games that build team skills and promote fair play.

Best wishes,

Rebekah Chin, Nick Bradley & Chloe Adams



Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts. Please ensure that their reading response books and book bags come to school in book bags **every day**.

**Hornbill PE days: Tuesday and Thursday**  
**Red Kite: Monday and Thursday**  
**Puffin: Wednesday and Thursday**

Please come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

**Year 4 Home learning:**  
Each week, Year 4 work will be shared with you - details to follow. Maths and English tasks will change weekly, and in addition, there will be a half termly project, due in the last week of the half term.

### **Me Books**

Your child will be given two activities a fortnight to complete at home. Me Books should be kept in reading bags and brought into school each day, as we will be sharing them from time to time throughout the half term.