

# YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome back!

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful Christmas break with your loved ones. I'm so excited for the half term ahead!

Please remember to wear coats to school as the weather is colder and to bring fresh water in a bottle each day.

I will be updating our Class Dojo page regularly so keep an eye out!

## HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

It is a very exciting start to 2026 as we will be starting our brand new topic - The Romans! The children will be learning about the impact they had on Britain, how the Roman Empire expanded, the reaction to the Roman invasion in Britain and the legacy they left.

## READING

Reading is as important as ever in Year 4 and we encourage children to read at home as much as possible. Please bring reading books and records in daily.

In Love to Read we are reading Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong.

## PE and Swimming

PE continues to be on **Tuesdays** this half term and we will be going swimming on **Wednesdays**. Our first session back is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

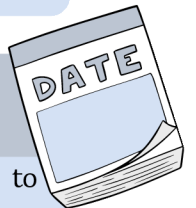
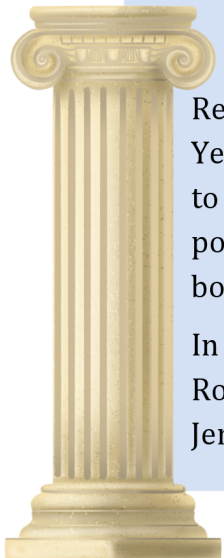
## Homework

Homework will be sent out every week on **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Friday**. Spelling tests will also be on **Friday**.

A creative homework grid will be sent out for you to choose from. Creative homework will be displayed in class!

## Important Dates

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Return to school.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Roman history day - pay on School Gateway.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Return to school.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day.



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## What are we learning?

### MATHS

We will be continuing our multiplication and division learning before moving onto length and perimeter.

With our Times Tables Check in Spring, we will be practising our times tables as much as possible in class. Please support this at home with regular practise and use of Times Tables Rockstars - screen free practise booklets are available in class if needed.

### ENGLISH

We will be creating instructions for building a Roman road, focusing on using adverbials, conjunctions and prepositions to express time, place and cause. We'll then move onto writing narratives about battling with Boudicca!

### SCIENCE

Our topic is Animals Including Humans, where we will be investigating how tooth decay occurs and exploring human teeth and the digestive system before creating and interpreting food chains.

### RE

We will be building on our Year 3 knowledge of Sikhism, exploring the 5Ks and why people choose to join the Khalsa.



## DT

In DT we will be learning about shell structures before designing and creating packaging to hold a gift for a family member or friend.



## Things you could do!

- Visit the Ancient Worlds exhibit at Leeds City Museum and find the Roman artefacts!
- Visit Eureka and learn all about our bodies, how amazing we all are and what we're made of!
- Visit a daily show at the Royal Armouries and hear a Celtic warrior tell how Boudicca – one of Britain's greatest heroines – rode fearlessly into battle against the mighty legions of Rome.

## Attendance and punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each morning. If your child is going to be absent, please notify Mrs Wren in the office via message or phone call.