

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 4! Here are a few dates for your diary:

Friday 13th January-4P's first swimming lesson

Tuesday 21st February-4E visit to Pizza Express for a cooking experience

Tuesday 28th February-4P's visit to Pizza Express for a cooking experience

Wednesday 15th March-4E's Class Assembly

Tuesday 21st March-Whole year group trip to Murton Park

Friday 24th March-4P's final swimming lesson

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given out every Thursday and will be tested the following Thursday. This term we will be using spellings from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list from the National Curriculum. These are 'no excuse' words which children must be able to spell by the time they leave lower KS2. There is a copy of all of these words attached to this letter for you to keep as a record and help your child practise at home.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Thursday and will still be expected to be returned to school by the following Monday.

Rehearsing tables and reading regularly is also part of homework.

Topics

This term we will be learning about:

- Romans
- Anglo –Saxons
- Vikings
- Allotment in Winter
- Habitats
- Mosaics
- Food preparation and safety in the kitchen
- Editing images using Microsoft Publisher
- How to build a Roman Siege Machine

How can you help at home?

There are many different ways in which you can help your child at home. This term we are placing a big emphasis on improving our spelling and reading comprehension skills. Spelling is a vital part of English and the curriculum places a huge emphasis on a child's spelling, in order for them to reach the standard in all year groups. Please make sure that your child practises their spellings at home so that they can then transfer these skills into their writing during English lessons. Reading is also vitally important. Ensuring that your child understands what they have read is a key element for a child to develop their reading comprehension skills. Please make sure your child reads at least 3 times a week and ask them some questions about what they think might happen next, or why they believe that a character has behaved a certain way.

We will also be continuing with our times table tests this term. These will continue to take place on a Friday morning. This term, however, the children will not be informed which test they will be sitting, in order for them to develop their fluency. Some weeks we may include two times tables. Towards the end of the term, we will be introducing division tests also.