



Year 4 Newsletter April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed your Easter break. It was a pleasure seeing you last week and to share the positive progress your children have made so far this year. They should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

In **Numeracy** we will be covering a number of aspects of the curriculum with a key emphasis on factors and multiplication, fractions and decimals and money/ measurement problem solving. Times tables will be tested every week along with early morning arithmetic work. Our focus this term will be a recap on all the times tables so any input at home would be greatly appreciated.

In **Literacy** our writing focuses will be information texts/leaflets and Roman myths. After half term we will then concentrate on poetry and narrative. There will be a continued weekly focus on comprehension, punctuation and grammar. **Weekly spellings** will be set with the homework on a Monday and tested a week later in class. The children select their own books which are read in class, at home and one to one with teaching staff. If you have the opportunity can I please encourage you to spend some time reading with your children.

Our continued **History** topic for this term will be studying 'the Romans'. Over the term we will be focusing on the Roman invasion of Britain, influences of Roman culture today and the building of Hadrian's wall. After half term our **Geography** topic will be studying 'the magical land of Madagascar'. Music is taught by a specialist teacher, where the children will continue learning to play the violin culminating in a concert in June to which you will all be invited. In **Computing** we will be looking at coding with Lightbot, internet research and word processing skills. Our **Science** topic this term will be 'Teeth, digestion and food chains.' The children will continue their keen learning of **German**.

Homework will be set on a Monday or Tuesday and will include spellings, Literacy (often topic based), Numeracy or a termly project. I will inform you when I need the homework back as the children review it in class with their peers. Please feel free to come and talk to me after school or make an appointment if you wish to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Garside