

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all managed to have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break, they all really deserved the rest after a very busy, first long term in year 4.

Looking ahead to the spring term, it is undoubtedly going to be another busy and interesting one as we explore our new learning. For History this term, we will be learning all about the "Ruthless Romans".

A few dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3rd January 2023 - first day back in school. Term 3

Tuesday 9th January - trip to Roman baths in Bath (please make payment on parent pay if you haven't already)

Thursday 18th January - young voices trip to the O2

Monday 5th February - children's mental health week

Friday 9th February - last day of term 3. 3pm finish

Monday 19th February - TD Day - children not in school

Tuesday 20th February - first day back in school. Term 4

Tuesday 27th February - parents evening - children finish early this day 1:10pm

Thursday 7th March - world book day - come dressed as your favourite book character

Tuesday 19th March - year 4 performance at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 27th March - Red Oaks has talent

Thursday 28th March - last day of term 4. 1:30pm finish

There will also be a Roman Dress Up Day towards the end of term 4

Key reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school.
- Please ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit in school for the whole week**. The kit is a house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor) and tracksuit bottoms (winter and outdoors), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. As well as this, a jumper, coat and trainers are advisable for the colder winter months as we may be going out to do P.E come rain or shine! Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home or a message on Class Dojo. **PE will be on Monday and Thursday**.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this on the Boom Reader app whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a magazine. Please can your child bring in their school reading books every day so that we can read with them and keep an eye on how regularly your child is recording their reading. Children will be rewarded for reading frequently.
- Homework and spellings will be set termly. Spellings will be tested on Tuesdays. Homework will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. We have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their chosen task in full and to the highest standards expected in class.
- Timestables - We are really stepping up our focus on timestables this coming term, in preparation for the MTC (multiplication tables check) in June. It is essential children practice daily on TTRS sound check. There will be a parent meeting in term 4 to give you more information about the assessment.

If you have any questions, concerns or children's celebrations, please continue to contact us through Class Dojo. Please be aware that we may not be able to respond to messages immediately. Please also feel free to email us via the contacts on the school website/newsletters should this be easier.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jacques, Miss. Brown and Miss Hearn