Year 4, Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas break and are feeling ready for our new term.

Before Christmas we enjoyed learning about refugees and journey-makers in our history topic focusing on the Strangers and seeking sanctuary.

We want to say another, huge well done to Year 4 for a fantastic Christmas Concert at St Thomas Church. We had a great turn out and the children sang beautifully! Well done Year 4 for a great first term.

I'm sure that their excellent start to Year 4 will continue throughout the year.

This term, children will be exploring the topic "How Roman is Britain today?" Through this unit, pupils will develop their historical knowledge and enquiry skills by investigating who the Romans were, why they invaded Britain, and how life changed as a result. They will learn to place events accurately on a timeline using BC and AD, explore daily life in Roman towns, and discover why the Roman army was so successful. Children will also examine key historical figures such as Boudicca, comparing different accounts of her rebellion and understanding how perspective and bias shape historical sources. Towards the end of the unit, pupils will research the lasting legacy of the Romans — including roads, language, laws and numerals — and use evidence to decide how far Roman influence can still be seen in modern Britain today.



15th January – *Supporting Children with Times Tables*
We will be holding an after-school session for parents and carers focused on how to support children with times-tables learning at home. This will include practical strategies and resources to help build confidence and fluency.

26th and 27th January – *Roman Visitor in School*
We are excited to welcome a Roman visitor into school to help bring our Roman topic to life. Children will take part in engaging, hands-on activities that will deepen their understanding of life in Roman times.

We ask that your child reads for at least 10 minutes every day. Regular reading has a wide range of benefits and supports learning across the entire curriculum. Children may take their library books home to read.

Times Tables Practice

Each week, we will focus on a specific times table, which will be shared with you. Regular practice of times tables is **essential for future maths learning**, as it supports confidence, fluency, and success in many areas of the maths curriculum.

Throughout the week, children will practise this times table in school. At the end of the week, they will complete a short times-tables quiz, which will be sent home so that you can see their progress and continue to support practice at home.

Please ensure that your child **practises their times tables daily**, where possible. This can be done using:

- **TT Rockstars**
- **Topmarks Times Tables games**: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables

Regular practice will help build strong foundations and prepare children for their statutory **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in June.