



YEAR 3/4 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

First, we would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a lovely restful summer! We are looking forward to the year ahead!

As a school, we continue to utilise Class Dojo as an amazing tool for communicating with home and school in supporting your children's learning. We will continue to use this as a resource to communicate between home and school. Whilst we aim to reply to messages as soon as we can, this is not always possible. Please be mindful that staff have their families to go home to and spend time with and will not be expected to reply or check messages outside of working hours, which are between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Friday.

If something is particularly important, please contact the school office, as staff we may not check our messages until the children have gone home due to teaching commitments. Thank you for your continued support in using Dojo to support our children's learning.

STAFF

Across Year 3 and 4 there are different members of staff. Miss Smith is teaching Maple class, Juniper class will be taught by Mrs Hill and Oak class is taught by Miss Houston (Tuesday-Friday) and Mrs Bousfield (Monday). As well as this, we will also have Miss Brookes, Miss Barnes and Mrs Foster supporting us throughout the year group.

We all work very close as a team and although we encourage you to talk to your home class teacher about any questions or concerns, feel free to chat to any member of the team. We will try our best to

ENGLISH

This half term we are going to begin by writing a dilemma story based on a Roman soldier! The children will secure their understanding of verbs, adjectives and direct speech. The children will be looking at a range of texts inspired by our curriculum enquiry of the Romans. The children will also be writing a relaxing setting description of a traditional Roman bath!

MATHS

In Maths this term, we are doing a lot of work on place value, which requires the children to partition numbers and recognise the value of each digit. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction of 2, 3, and 4-digit numbers. The children will also be learning how to read numbers up to 10,000. This will include comparing and ordering these numbers and understanding how to partition them into their parts.

A big focus for year 4 this year in Maths will be times tables and it is essential children are practising these at home as much as possible up to 12x12. We will also be practising these in class to prepare them for the Multiplication Times table Check at the end of the academic year.

ART/DT

The children will be focusing on perspective drawings. After learning about Roman baths in English, the children will develop their sketching skills and draw a perspective drawing of a Roman bath. In DT, the children will be creating their

answer your questions there and then or get back to you as soon as possible.

CURRICULUM ENQUIRY

Our curriculum enquiry focus subject across the school this term is history. Our curriculum question is: *'How do we benefit from change?'*

The children will be learning all about the Romans! They will be investigating different artefacts from the Roman period and identifying how the Romans influenced Britain. We will also be learning all about important figures and places significant from the Roman and how they changed life for us today!

SCIENCE

This half term the children will be learning about Animals including Humans. They will begin by learning about a balanced diet and why this is important to our bodies. After half term, the children will identify the different parts of a plant.

PE

Our PE days will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. On the set PE days your child should come to school in their PE kits. We advise that they wear long tracksuits bottoms as they will be in their kits all day. If you wish to send your child with some shorts, they can change into them before the PE session.

SWIMMING

We are very excited this year that every child in Key Stage 2 will have a swimming session this year! Year 4 will go in the Autumn term and Year 3 will be going in the Spring term. **This will begin on Thursday 10th September.**

Please ensure that your child has their correct swimming kit with them on a Thursday, Nottinghamshire School Swimming Service are very adamant around this. Please refer to the guidance provided on the suitable swimwear which children are expected to wear. The guidance states:

Boys are required to wear tight fitting trunks or shorts with no pockets and which are no longer than

own traditional bread roll! The children will look at how cooking has changed over time and differences between Roman and modern day British diets!

KEY DATES

See below for all key dates for this term:

1 st September	INSET Day
2 nd September	INSET Day
3 rd September	First day back at school.
10 th September	Year 4 start swimming lessons
16 th October	Last day of Autumn 1
2 nd November	First day of Autumn 2
1 st December	Trip to the Panto
18 th December	Last day of Autumn 2

Once again, if you have any questions then please come and speak to one of us!

The Year 3/4 Team 😊

mid-thigh length. Hair tied back to prevent being tangled in lane ropes (if applicable).

Girls are required to wear a snug-fitting one-piece swimsuit. Hair tied back to prevent being tangled in lane ropes (if applicable).

The policy of Lammas Leisure Centre's is that a child can only wear swimming goggles for their lessons if they have written consent from parents. If you wish for your child to wear goggles please complete the enclosed slip and return it to school.

Ways in which you could support your child at home:

- By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all of their times tables up to and including 12×12 as well as the division facts. For example $6 \times 4 = 24$ $4 \times 6 = 24$ $24 \div 4 = 6$ $24 \div 6 = 4$. Children can access the Times Tables Rockstars website to enable them to become more fluent at these. Each child has their own personal log on.
- Another good website for times tables is Maths factor where the children can complete the Y4 check, this looks similar to the MTC they will be taking in June and is great for practising!
- Practise telling the time both on analogue and digital clocks.
- Gain experience of measuring different weight in grams and kilograms when baking or cooking.
- To have a good understanding of money and working out the amounts of change when buying something.