

Welcome back,

I hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to the new term. We have lots to look forward to and I plan to make sure your children feel both motivated, enthused and challenged in their learning throughout the year.

Equipment:

In Class 4, the children are encouraged to have their own writing equipment in a small pencil case. Blue gel or ink pens only please and a coloured biro for editing. They also need pencils and highlighters. Coloured pencils and pens are useful but we do have a good stock of these in class.

As always, the children are encouraged to bring a **re-useable water bottle** to keep them hydrated and help their concentration. As we are enjoying the prolonged summer weather this is especially important!

The children will have PE twice a week (**Wednesday and Friday**) but should always have their **labelled** PE kit in school. It is important that they have the correct clothing and are responsible for it.

Homework:

The children will receive Spelling, Maths and Reading Comprehension homework every week. Weekly spellings will be set on Friday and tested the following Friday. Maths and Comprehension homework will also be set on Friday and due the following Friday.

Many of the expectations and additional responsibilities they are given in class 4 are in preparation for secondary school where they will of course be expected to be independent.

Parents of **year 6** children should now have the information for secondary places applications.

If you have any concerns or worries please come and speak to me or another member of staff, or send a brief note in with your child.

Mrs Patel

Autumn Term Overview



Maths: Our main focus this term is to develop a sound understanding of Number through **problem solving and reasoning**. Reasoning is a critical skill that we develop to help children to make sense of concepts in Maths. We achieve this by using mathematical 'super powers': conjecturing and convincing; specialising and generalising; organising and classifying and imagining and expressing. This term's topics include: number and place value; written and mental methods across all four operations, fractions and algebra. **Ask your child about the Rock Star Times Table challenge!**

English: Our Class Book is 'The BFG'. Class 4 will have the opportunity to write a descriptive piece about the infamous 'witching hour'; a poem describing 'dream country'; a chronological report of the trip to Roald Dahl's museum and finally, a persuasive leaflet to visit Great Missenden.



Our second book of the term will be Polly Yo-Hen's The Boy in the Tower. In this exciting topic, Year 5 and 6 will consider features of suspense writing including sentence variation and word choice to name a few. These skills will lead to crafting their very own cliff-hanger!

*It is worth noting that there will be a heavy focus on **Grammar, Spelling** and **Comprehension** throughout the year to support Year 6 in the lead up to SAT's.

Reading: Although many of the children are confident readers, it is important that they continue to develop their skills of reading, understanding and questioning. **An hourly-guided whole class reading session** will take place once a week alongside focused guided group discussions. During this time children will read an age appropriate book and be expected to answer questions and uncover meaning such as the author's motives.

The children will be expected to have a free-choice reading book. Please support your child by checking that they are reading **every day**, including to an adult as often as possible. **Ask your child about our 'around the world reading challenge' and our '100 book challenge'.**

Science: This term Class 4 will be investigating the circulatory system

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Design and Technology: In response to our Roald Dahl topic, Class 4 will be creating their very own writer's huts (in model form of course!)



RE - The Autumn term will be spent helping children to understand and compare key religious leaders across major world religions.



History: This term's topic is the Romans. Before we can fully understand the Roman's impact on Britain, we will investigate Celtic civilisation. We will then research the many Roman invasions that took place and those who fought against it including the fearless Boudica.

Geography: To understand more about the rise and fall of the Roman Empire in Great Britain, we will be locating places in the UK where the Romans settled and finding out more about the names they gave to our towns and cities.

Art: In keeping with our History topic, Class 4 will have the opportunity to make their very own Roman pinch pots.



PE: The children will be taught by a sports coach on Wednesdays and Fridays. For this term they will be take part in Football and Ball Games. There may be sporting opportunities through the term and I will pass on details as they arise

PSHE: Our theme is New Beginnings. We will have regular assemblies to support this and exploring how and why we 'get on' or 'fall out' with one another, and how we can deal with it. Current topics and areas that call for understanding will be covered as they arise.

MFL: This term we are learning German. This will mainly involve speaking and listening and writing basic words and phrases.

Music: Class 4 will be taught drumming for 30 minutes in their year groups on Mondays.

Computing: At Little Gaddesden School this is integral to teaching and learning. This term Class 4 will be taught by computing specialists for an hour on Mondays.



*"...curious and creative thinkers,
independent and enthusiastic learners and
confident individuals..."*

