

Equipment:

Water bottles are essential to keep them hydrated and help their concentration. Children are encouraged to have their own writing equipment in a SMALL pencil case. Blue gel pens only please (not frizioni or biro). They can add a pencil, mini ruler, sharpener, rubber and highlighter (but don't worry we have all these in school otherwise).

Homework:

Set on Mondays, this will consist of Maths and English, which will mainly be online (e.g. on Purple Mash or My Maths). Plus they must read a few chapters of their guided reading book (for Tuesday's Guided Reading lesson) as well as continuing with daily free reading and times tables practice. 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.

Secondary School Application Deadline

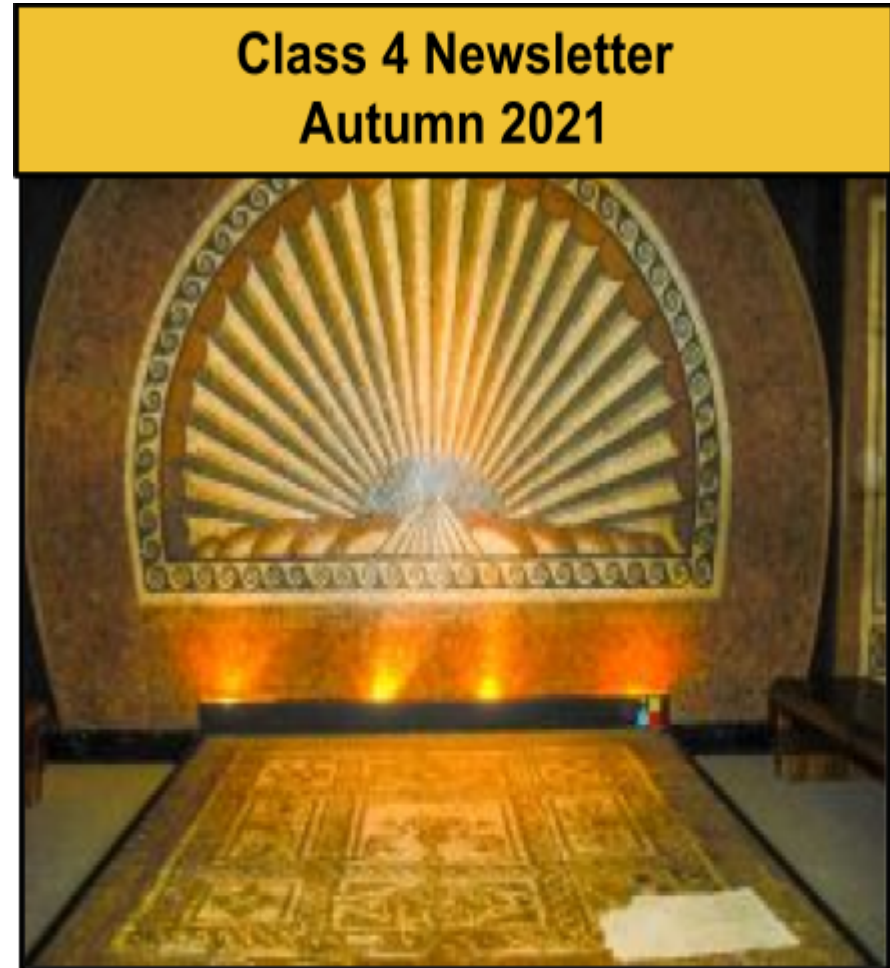
May we remind Year 6 parents that October 31st is the deadline for applications for Hertfordshire secondary school places, to join in September 2022.

Working together

If you have any concerns or worries please email the office to fix a time to speak on the phone or meet up.

With best wishes from,

Mrs Charter (Tuesday-Friday), Mrs Gervaise-Jones (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Pearce (every day except Tuesday)



We hope this newsletter gives you a taster of what your child is learning this term.

Maths: Our main focus this term is to develop a sound understanding of Number through problem solving and reasoning. This term's topics include: number and place value; written and mental methods across all four operations; fractions and algebra. Plus we will have our times table challenge, which the Year 6s enjoyed last year.

Writing: This half term our Class Book is 'The Promise'. Once inspired by the author's fantastic descriptions, Class 4 will have the opportunity to write their own narrative. Our skills focus will be extending our sentences with details that help the reader visualize better, through use of: conjunctions and adverbials, juicy noun phrases and improving our vocabulary choices. After half term we will be writing speeches, with a skills focus on openers and verb choices.

Reading: Although many of the children are confident readers, it is important that they continue to develop their skills of decoding new vocabulary, taking out meaning and inferring. An hourly-guided reading session will take place on Tuesdays. Weekly reading homework will also be given for Guided Reading.

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. There will be a new 'reading challenge'; details to follow.

Science - This term we will be learning about the Circulatory System. We will revise our understanding of other body systems - such as the digestive and skeletal system - and will learn about the importance of

our blood, and the role of the heart and lungs in pumping it around our bodies. We will investigate the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle choices.

Design and Technology - In keeping with our Literacy topic, we will be evaluating, designing and building garden planters.

RE - Understanding the significance of celebrations to people of faith will be our topic at first. Yom Kippur in September, so we'll focus on the meaning of this celebration in the Jewish faith. After half term pupils will reflect on the meaning of incarnation to Christians.

History: This term's topic is to understand the impact of the Roman invasion of Britain. Our trip to Verulamium to handle Roman artefacts boosts understanding of the changes Romans brought and the consequences of these, plus we will have some local sources brought in.

Geography: Using maps we will make local geography study. This will investigate locations with Roman archeological evidence and what physical geography features are nearby that influenced them.

Art: Using mixed media to show contrast in our art will be our topic.

PE: For this term pupils will develop their skills in invasion games, Hockey and Netball. The children will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday and should come to school in PE kit on these days.

Music: Every Tuesday we have a new music teacher leading our lessons.

MFL: In order that children leave Little Gaddesden School with a taster of French and Spanish (as often they have to choose one in Year 7), we will be speaking and listening and writing basic words and phrases in French this year.

PSHRE: We will continue to use the 'Zones of Regulation' to talk and learn about our emotions and how to regulate them. Throughout the week we will also discuss and use strategies to improve our general wellbeing.

