

Year 4

Welcome to year 4! I can't wait to get to know all of the children - it is sure to be an exciting year!

Context for Learning and Visitor Date

This term will be a busy and exciting one for the children, as we consider our first context for learning question: *'How have settlers from foreign shores changed Britain for the better?'* This will cover a range of topics, beginning with looking at our own connections to countries around the world, before moving on to investigate the legacies of the Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, and the influence that they had on shaping the country that we know today. As part of this, we are very lucky to have a Roman visitor on **Tuesday 22nd September** who will introduce the children to life in Roman Britain! It is sure to be a very informative and entertaining day!

PE Lessons

PE lessons will usually be on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. It's important that the children always have their kit (including trainers) in school as we cannot lend out spares. As we are moving into the colder months, please send your child in with optional warm layers to keep them warm when exercising outside.

General Information

Please make sure that your child is in school every day by 8:40am as this helps them to settle and gives them time to complete their 'early work'. Children who arrive after 9:00 am should come into school via the main office so that they can be signed in. Children should enter the school building independently and with parents only if you have an important message for me. I am also normally available for a quick chat after school or you can send me an email at: prescott.a3@welearn365.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please could every child bring a named water bottle to school each day so that they can easily have a drink when they need to. They should also take their bottle home regularly to be cleaned.

Please see the separate sheet for homework tasks. Children should spend around 15-20 minutes on each piece of homework, although research has shown that little and often works best for spellings practise and recall, so when possible it would be great for them to practise these daily using the table at the bottom of their homework sheet to 'look, cover, write, check'. If your child has a particularly busy week or is ever struggling to complete homework, please come and talk to me.

All of the children will bring home an Accelerated Reader book each day that is suitable for their reading level. Where possible, please try to listen to your child read at least 4 times a week, chat about the text with them and ensure they understand what they are reading. Children need to be reading for at least 20 minutes each day to reach their Accelerated Reader target.

I'm really looking forward to meeting and working with you all this year.

Miss Prescott

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Some of the key words we will be using this term are:

History Vocabulary

- rebellion
- gladiators
- chariot
- Colosseum
- amphitheatre
- empire
- conquer
- invasion
- aqueduct
- Celts
- legionary
- Boudicca

Science Vocabulary

- states of matter
- solid
- liquid
- gas
- particles
- process
- freeze
- melt
- heat
- evaporation
- condensation
- water vapour

- sound
- vibration
- ear
- high pitch
- low pitch
- volume
- loud
- quiet
- decibel
- insulate