



Spring Newsletter Year 4



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone has had a happy and relaxing break. Thank you so much for the very kind and generous Christmas gifts and cards I received! They were really appreciated!

This term the children will be working very hard and enjoying lots of new experiences. Our context for the term is all about settlers to our shores where we will be answering the following question: *How have settlers from foreign shores changed Britain for the better?* We will be learning and practising many History, Geography, Art, ICT and D.T skills.

This half term, after looking at modern day settlers, we will have a focus on Roman Britain and in particular the legacy of the Romans who settled in this country. Shortly, as part of our work on Roman Britain, we will be having a visit from a Roman soldier - this should prove to be a very exciting day with some great activities lined up!

As usual, support at home is very important and can really help your child make good progress. Please ensure your child is reading at home regularly and that at least some of their reading is with an adult so that they can discuss vocabulary and the content of their books. This half term we will focus on learning 11x and 12x tables. Children are required to be able to recall all times tables with accuracy and speed, so practise at home would be beneficial.

Literacy homework and spellings will continue to be given out on a Tuesday and Maths on a Friday. Most children are now really good at handing in their homework on time.

As we are not swimming this half term, our P.E lessons will return to a Monday and a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school for every lesson, and that this includes a pair of outdoor pumps or trainers. On P.E days, it is important that girls have a hair band in school so that their hair can be tied back, and that if they are wearing tights they have socks in their P.E bag.

On Thursday afternoons my PPA time will be covered by Mrs Wallace and Mrs Jones, teaching P.E and RE.

At parents evening later in the term, we will discuss your child's progress so far in year 4, however if you feel it is necessary, please pop in and arrange a time to catch up with me before then.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Miss Parker