



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 (2024 – 2025)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. We are all looking forward to continuing to support the children to grow and develop as independent learners. Here is what Year 4 will be focusing on this term. Our new topic is 'What did the Ancient Romans leave behind'. I'm sure that the children will love this topic as Lucy Coates mentioned how much they loved learning about the Ancient Greeks last year. Please see the attached curriculum information sheet for further details about what the children will be learning this term. The tutors from the In Harmony music team and coach Shaj from Moving matters will continue to cover the class every Thursday morning to focus on music lessons and PE sessions.

Reading

In Year 4, children will continue to be heard reading at least three times a week; once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and then again with the teaching assistants. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis and use their reading journals as a place to record their responses to the stories that they read to you or their thoughts on stories that you read to them. This can be a short 15 -20 minute session but it will make a huge impact on their progress in reading and writing. Every Friday the children will be encouraged to change their reading books and take a new reading book home if they have finished the text that they are currently reading. Please also make sure that the children come to school with their **reading journal** daily as they will also need to use them during the course of the school day.



P.E

P.E lessons will take place twice a week. Every **Thursday** morning we will have specialist PE coaching from coach Shaj delivering high intensity PE sessions from Moving Matters. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school on Thursday. Every **Friday** morning we will be travelling to Brixton Recreation Centre for our weekly **swimming lesson**. Please make sure that the children remember to have their full swimming kits (including swimming hats, goggles and towels) with them every week. The children will be tested and placed into appropriate groups in order to support them to develop their swimming skills.



School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Earrings should be kept to small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and items of PE kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss. Don't forget to have a look in the Junior lost property box if anything does go missing. If your child wears shoes that require them to tie laces, please help them to learn how to tie them up at home as they regularly become loose during the course of the school day and it can be a challenge to tie up multiple pairs of shoes throughout the day!

Home Learning

Every week the children will continue to be given **spelling rules and patterns** to practise at home. Every Friday they will complete a dictation challenge to check how confident they are with the spelling pattern of the week. They will also have a weekly **multiplication challenge** to complete. Every Friday they will also complete a multiplication speed challenge to check how confident they are with the times tables that they have been practising at home. The children will be given a **topic-based project** to complete around the theme of 'What did the Ancient Romans leave behind?'. This homework project gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when completing their project. The Topmarks website is also a great way for them to practise and perfect the maths skills that they are learning in the classroom with a particular focus on learning all of their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year.

Class Twitter / X account

Our class Twitter / X account is a great way to keep up to date about all of the exciting learning that takes place during the school day. Please follow [@mr_heming](#) to keep up to date with all of the latest information. You can also follow [@ReayPrimary](#) and [@FriendsofReay](#) for regular information on the events and learning taking place across the whole school community. Even if you don't have a personal Twitter/X account you will still be able to access the Twitter/X accounts by typing in [@mr_heming](#), [@ReayPrimary](#) or [@FriendsofReay](#) into an internet search engine.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th November 2024 – Flu vaccinations
Friday 8th November 2024 – Swimming lessons begin
Friday 8th November 2024 – Safer Schools App launch
Monday 18th November 2024 – Anxiety workshop for parents
Friday 6th December 2024 – Reay Winter Fair
Wednesday 4th December 2024 – Year 4 Christmas Ice Skating trip to Glide at Battersea Power Station
Friday 13th December 2024 – Flu vaccinations catch up
Friday 20th December 2020 – Last day of term



Kind regards,
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