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## **SUMMER TERM 2018 CLASS 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents,

The summer term is already underway and many exciting curriculum topics and extra activities have been organised. Mrs Bedford will continue to teach PE, RE and Music on Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Shackleton will teach a French session on alternate Mondays.

**English:** We shall be looking at a variety of texts this term. This will include whole texts such as “Leon and the Place Between”, information texts linked to our topics and poetry, playscripts and animations. The children will learn to develop their reading and writing skills and their use of language and punctuation to become better writers. There will be weekly grammar and reading comprehension lessons and weekly spellings for the children to learn.

*Reader helpers: A big thank you to our volunteer reader helpers who play a huge role in helping the children to develop their reading skills and understanding of texts. It is vital that all children read at home every day too. If you would like to help with reading in school then please let me know.*

**Maths:** There will be a focus on the four operations with problem solving involving measurement, money, volume and capacity. The children will further their understanding of fractions, decimals and properties of shape, using coordinates to plot points and to interpret and present data in tables, charts and graphs.

**Science:** We will continue with our topic on ‘Electricity’. The children will learn about the history of electricity, how we use electricity, make series and parallel circuits involving bulbs, buzzers and switches and learn to recognise common conductors and insulators. Later in the term we will be investigating ‘Living things and their habitats’ – grouping, classification, and changing environments.

**PE:** During the first half of the term the children will be practising hand eye coordination skills required in net/wall games. We will then be returning to striking and fielding games where they will use running, jumping, throwing and



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catching in isolation and in combination to play competitive games, including basketball, netball, football and rugby, and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

**Geography:** The children will continue to learn about the geographical aspects of the Roman Empire. This will include investigating the human and physical geography and developing skills in using atlases and maps to locate and describe features while making comparisons with the UK.

**History:** Our topic of 'The Romans' continues this term. The children will learn about the Romans in Britain, their daily life, culture and religion, belief in the gods, customs and the growth of the Roman Empire. Class 4 will also be having a 'Roman Day' on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April where the children are invited to come to school dressed up as a Roman character of their choice. Topic dressing up days are always popular and of huge value to the children's learning and really bring the topics to life.

**Computing:** Computing will be embedded across the curriculum through research and non-fiction writing, as well as more focused units of work.

**RE:** Class 4 will be exploring the idea of belonging to a community and the values of a community with a focus on the Christian and Islamic faiths.

**Music:** We will be exploring how music communicates meaning through rhythms, patterns and timing playing a variety of percussion instruments.

**'Wildlife Champions 2018':** Class 4 will continue their work with the Devon Wildlife Trust in order to make a difference in supporting trees. We will be giving our presentation to the other primary schools involved later on in May. The children have been working very hard finding out more about trees and raising awareness of their importance.

If you have any questions or queries then please come and ask. Also, if you have any resources/artefacts which you think may be useful to any of our topics and would like to share them with the class then please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss A Kemp

