

Dear Parents/Carers, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you and your child to Year 4.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ Please refer to the Friday whole school newsletter for school events
- ❖ **Half term** – school closes on the **Friday 16th October** and reopens to pupils on the **Monday 2nd November**

- **PE days**

All classes – Tuesdays

Red Kites and Eagles - Wednesdays

Ospreys - Fridays

Until further notice, children are to come to school in their PE kits, plus a school jumper on these days. Please make sure ALL jewellery is removed and earrings are taken out before school. Children should wear a plain white t-shirt and preferably black shorts/leggings. A sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms would be useful as we are only able to do outdoor PE at the moment.

- Homework will be set online this year. More details to follow.
- Visit our website for more information at <http://www.havelockschools.org.uk/>. You can find the Year 4 page on the school website at <https://www.havelockschools.org.uk/index.php/for-pupils/year-4> and useful maths links on <https://www.havelockschools.org.uk/index.php/curriculum/links>.
- We will be sending out new bookmarks for Year 4 that offer ideas of questions to ask your child when reading at home, to support their development in reading. They come from a website called Twinkl and break reading skills down into specific areas. If you hear your child talking about reading dogs, this is what they are referring to! If you were wondering what books might be good to read at home with your child, these websites have some age-appropriate recommendations of classics and some more modern material:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-4>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/reading-for-pleasure>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

<https://theteachingbooth.wordpress.com/2017/06/24/100-book-lists-for-primary-classroom/>

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any further information, we are grateful for your continued support - *The Year 4 Team*

RE: Why do societies have rules?

Music: Due to COVID we are unable to sing until further notice, we will be learning to sign some new songs.

French: We will be learning more words and phrases, so that we can begin to write simple sentences.

English

We will be using the book *Assassin* by Tony Bradman as our main stimulus for story writing. Factual writing will include Roman army posters, estate agent brochures for a Roman villa and diary entries.

At home:
Read, read, read! Anything and everything.

History

We will be learning about the Roman invasion of Britain and the impact that made on British society.

At home:

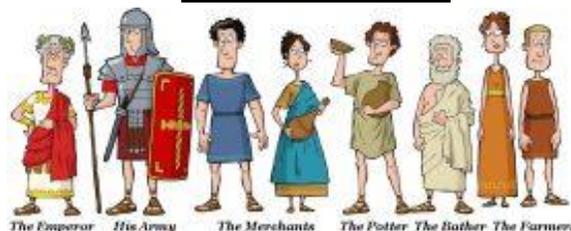
Independent research is always valuable. Desborough library may well have some useful books, websites by BBC schools and National Geographic and Pinterest are also mines of information and ideas.

Science

We begin the year with a unit about electricity.

At home:
Obviously Science is very much a part of daily life, so discussion at home is always useful. Independent research is always valuable. Try looking on Pinterest for relevant activities or you can find experiment ideas on websites such as <https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>.

WHAT DID THE ROMANS DO FOR US?



PSHE

We will remind the children about how to keep themselves safe in a calm, assertive way, with catchphrases, like "from my head to my toes, I say what goes".

Our PSHE Jigsaw theme for the term is Being Me in My World.

Our value this term is **love** and our wellbeing theme is **connect**.

Maths

We start by securing our understanding of place-value within thousands and learning Roman numerals before working on addition and subtraction. Times tables will be practised daily, in readiness for a new test for Year 4 children in June.

At home:

You can support your child's learning by completing homework and practicing times tables.

PE

We will be learning and practicing the skills used to be successful in invasion games, such as tactics and teamwork. Our Real PE lessons will focus on developing balance and coordination.

Computing

As always, we will begin the term with a reminder about safety rules. We have subscribed to a new provider called Purple Mash. More details to follow!

At home:

Ensure that children are keeping themselves safe online. Scratch can be downloaded online.