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Welcome back to Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Year 4! We hope you have all had an excellent half term break and the children are refreshed and ready to start the second half of the Autumn term. We are so pleased to see everyone back in school again and we have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks.

We will continue to immerse ourselves in our History topic 'I Came, I Saw, I Conquered'; our exciting topic all about Roman Britain. This half term, the children will be visiting Fishbourne Palace to enhance this learning. This trip will take place on Tuesday 14th November. The children will be reminded of all of their History learning so far and really get a feel for what it might have been like to live in Roman Britain all those years ago. Don't forget, for this trip the children will need comfortable shoes and will need to wear their full school uniform. It is also essential that the children bring a coat, a packed lunch and a (non-fizzy) drink for their day out of school.

Last half term, we began reading 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl and the children thoroughly enjoyed writing explanation texts about how they would like to get revenge on the terrifying headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. This half term, we will continue to do some work on this text and hope the children continue to impress us with their fantastic reading and writing outcomes. Please continue to read at home every night in your child and note it down in your child's planner. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

The children will continue to be tested each week on their spellings. This test will take place on a Monday and their new spellings for the week will be given out on the same day. The words they will be tested on will be based on the words and spelling rules we have learned that week and we ask you please to help your child to practise at home. All children are now able to access Spelling Shed online, which means that they have opportunities to practise their spellings in a fun and interactive way at home. Their logins can be found in the back of their planners.



In Maths, we will consolidate the children's knowledge of addition and subtraction and then move onto our multiplication and division learning. We will also be continuing to test the children daily on their times tables facts and regularly encourage them to play Times Tables Rockstars at home to improve their recall speed.

P.E. will still be on Wednesdays this half term. Please could you ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit including a change of footwear in school on the Monday, just in case the timetable changes at the last minute. As we approach winter, it is important that the children have correct clothing for the weather. If a child does not have their uniform for P.E., they will not be allowed to participate in the lesson, so please ensure that their full kit is with them each week.

We are really looking forward to what we think will be a fantastic half term for the children. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by writing a note in your child's planner or telephoning the school and they will make contact with you.

Kind regards,

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