

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 4

Autumn Term 2017

Year Group News

Welcome to Year 4

We would like to say a big welcome back-to-school, to all the Year 4 children and parents. We hope you all had a pleasant and refreshing summer holiday and enjoyed some of the good weather. We would also like to say a special welcome to our new children and their families. The children are already enjoying settling in and getting used to working with children from the other classes. We have been able to explore some of the exciting improvements that were completed over the summer to the woods and pond already this term, and expect to be using these areas for future lessons. Our topic this term is Rocking Romans and we will be looking at the reasons why the Romans came to Britain and the changes they made during that time. We are planning to take the children on a visit to a local museum this term, for some hands on learning with the experts. We also intend to do some cooking and food tasting related to our topic, so that the children can experience the tough life of a Roman soldier.

We look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming curriculum information evening.

Mrs Tinson, Mrs McAllister, Mrs Dando and the Year 4 team

Curriculum Information

This is the work we will cover in each curriculum area this term.

We hope that this information will enable you to help support your child. You could use the information in a variety of ways:

- As a basis for discussion about school and work.
- To borrow from the library/or buy appropriate books.
- To look out for suitable television or radio programmes and videos.
- To look out for suitable newspaper and magazine articles.
- To help your child find suitable information in encyclopedias and from the Internet.



First Half Term

Rocking Romans



Maths

Place value including Roman numerals.
Column addition and subtraction.

Art

Collage and Roman mosaic.



English

Narrative
News Paper reports



Science

Living things and their habitats

French

Gender specific vocabulary

History

Roman Britain, the lives of wealthy and poor people.

Design and Technology

Cooking as a Roman soldier

PE

Football, netball and tag rugby

RE

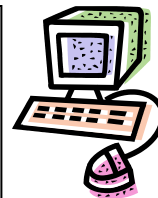
Judaism and how it relates to our lives.

Geography

Why did the Romans invade Britain.

Computing

E-safety



PSHE/ Circle

Time

New beginnings.

Music

Around the world and Italian music.



Second Half Term

Rocking Romans



English

Poetry and
non-chronological
reports



Maths

Measurement including
length and perimeter.
Multiplication and
division.

PE

Indoor-
gymnastics
and circuits

Science

Animals including
humans

PSHE/ Circle

Time

Friendships and
relationships.



Design and Technology

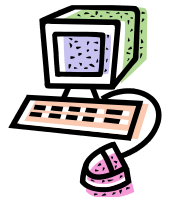
Textiles-Roman
sandals

French

Seasons and
celebrations

RE

Judaism, worship
and the local
community



Geography

Where did the Romans settle
and what are the names of the
cities.

History

The changes the Romans
made in Britain.

Computing

Programming and
coding



Art

Sculpture



Music

Poetry and the
environment.



Reminders

SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place once per week for an hour. Children are encouraged to write any spellings they are unsure of into their red spelling book for practice and improvement. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. There will no longer be a spelling test each week; spellings will be monitored in all lessons. You will receive a list of words which you can encourage your child to learn.

READING



- Reading is such an important part of a child's life. It is essential that children read at home regularly (either with or without an adult). Each child, therefore, is asked to read for a **minimum of 10 minutes per day**. This can be a book (or alternative text such as magazine or newspaper) of their choice or the texts which are brought home from school (or both!). Each child will have at least 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme.
- We would like to encourage you to read with your child and discuss the text that they are reading. We will provide questions and prompts to aid this.
- Either you or your child can add information to the Reading Record (details of each reading session per day). However, please sign your child's Reading Record **at least once per week** to confirm what they are reading and how often. You can also write questions and comments which the teacher will respond to in due course.

KNOWING NUMBER FACTS



- This term, we will be continuing with the weekly 'Knowing Number Facts' tests. Children are given a set of number facts to learn each week and their attainment is recorded on a class chart. Please support the children in learning these at home. New facts will be issued for testing the following week.

HOME LEARNING



- Children will be set a MyMaths task and reading comprehension activity each **Thursday** for homework. Please sign your child's homework feedback sheet in the front of their homework book and comments are welcomed. Later in the term, the children will also be receiving their Topic Grid.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. These include:

- Face to face meeting on the playground at the end of the school day.
- Appointment made by contacting the school office.
- Comment in reading record
- Comment on parent feedback sheet in homework book
- Emailing the teacher (teacher's email addresses are available on the school website)

Please note, urgent information must always be telephoned to the school office.

LIBRARY BOOKS (Non-Fiction)



- Children are allowed to select their own book although advice is given if a book seems unsuitable. Please encourage your child to look after their library book. There will be a charge if the book is lost.

PENCIL CASES



- In each classroom, essential stationery is provided for the use of pupils. We therefore ask that pencil cases brought in from home are small enough to fit into your child's tray for easy storage and that they contain only a spare pencil, handwriting pen, rubber and sharpener.

WATER BOTTLES



- Children are expected to bring a small, named bottle of water into school. However, we must stress this can be water only and any bottles must be taken home daily for reasons of hygiene. Please bring in the filled bottle each morning.

P.E. KIT



- Fully labelled kit must be brought into school in a suitably named bag on a Monday. It will then be left in school all week and taken home on a Friday for washing. Year 4 PE slots are on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

SUNNY WEATHER



- In sunny weather, children are permitted to bring a suitable hat to wear when they are outside.
- Due to health and safety reasons, sunscreen should not be brought into school. There are many all-day sunscreens available which we would advise you to apply to your child before they come to school.

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term

September

- w/c 11th - Year 6 Go to Manor
- 13th - PTA Meeting at Junior School 7:30pm
- 18th - Club letters sent to parents
- 19th - Photographs
- 20th - Curriculum Information Evening
- w/c 25th - Clubs Start
- 29th - Year 6 Sharing Assembly re Manor 9:00am

October

- 6th - 5 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 13th - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 13th - PTA Junior School Disco
- w/c 16th - Maths Week
- 19th - Harvest Assembly (children only) 9:00am
- 20th - Inset Day (children not in school)
- w/c 23rd - HALF TERM
- 30th - Children return from HALF TERM

November

- 10th - 5 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- w/c 13th - Parliament Week
- 17th - Children in Need
- 24th - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- w/c 27th - Clubs Finish
- 30th - Open Morning for prospective parents whose children join in September 2018 - 9:15-10:15am
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December

- 5th - Parents Evening 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 6th - Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 7th - Year 4 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Years 3, 5 & 6 at 2:00pm
- 8th - Year 4 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Infant School at 2.00pm
- 8th - PTA Christmas Fair
- 11th - Year 4 Christmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 12th - Year 4 Christmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 13th - Christmas Lunch
- 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th - Last Day of Term, School Finishes at 2:00pm

