

Year 4 Newsletter

Learning Challenge: How did the Romans leave their mark on Britain?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and that your child was looking forward to returning to school for what will be a very busy Spring term.

Regrettably, Mr. McCarthy remains unwell and will not be at school during January. Mr. Tuer (who was with us for much of last year) is teaching the class on an interim basis for the whole of January. This will provide stability for the children and ensure that the curriculum continues to be comprehensively covered, just as it would have been if Mr. McCarthy were at school. The children are already familiar with Mr. Tuer and have responded very positively to him.

Days to Remember

Class Assembly	2. April
Half term	18 th – 22 nd February
Inset Day	Monday 25 th February
Learning Challenge Event	Friday 15 th February



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Class Teacher: Mr. McCarthy (Mr. Tuer)

Class Support: Ms Taran

Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school on time and in the correct school uniform.

Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

Values:

January: Hope
February: Appreciation

Learning Challenge:

In this learning challenge we will learn about the Roman empire and, in particular, the effect it had upon Britain. We will consider why Britain was invaded and how life changed under Roman rule. We will consider such questions as these: Why did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall? Who opposed Roman occupation? How did the Romans use science? What can we learn from the Romans? We'll continue this theme in English when we explore an ancient myth



During this Learning Challenge, your child will be set homework on the Romans and will be issued with a guidance sheet full of ideas of what they could do. They will have up to the last week of this half-term to finish this challenge. Your support and encouragement in completing the task will be vital to your child's successful learning.

Pupil Zone



Please make sure your child is regularly using the Pupil Zone area of the school website with access to plenty fun games to help their learning as well as access to homework!

Quick tips to support learning at home

- Helping your child to **complete and return all homework.**
- Encouraging your child to **learn their times tables to develop automaticity.**
- Read, question and discuss books/vocabulary with your child for at least **20 mins every night.**
- Reading and discussing the "Wednesday Word" every week with your child.
- If your child wants to play on the computer/ipad direct them to the Pupil Zone on our website!

Growth Mindset

Why do some people achieve their potential while others do not?

In school we have been focussing on the importance of our mindset. Our mental attitude can determine how we interpret and respond to situations.

We tell the children the brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and better the more it is exercised. This sends the message that intelligence can be learnt, and that we are not born 'intelligent'. But with hard work and persistence our brain makes new connections and we become smarter.

We have been focussing on the power of the word 'yet'. When children find their work challenging their response is 'I can't do it yet!', knowing that if they keep trying, eventually, they will be able to feel that sense of achievement.