

Curriculum newsletter for 4J and 4S

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Maths

To support your child with their maths in Year 4 here are some helpful pointers:

- Our focus this half term will be working with the place value of numbers up to 10,000 and formal standard methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- We are also focusing on times tables with the children with the expectation that all the children will know their times tables and related division facts by the time they leave Year 4. Our initial focus is 4, 8, 3, and 6 times tables before moving into the 9s. Ask your child to show you the 9 times table trick.
- Look out for our times table sheet with the formal methods laid out on the back for your guidance.
- We will be sending out weekly homework to consolidate learning; if you have any queries regarding this then please come and see your child's class teacher. Usually the homework is related to that week's learning but may recap previously taught topics.

Times Tables

In the Summer term, all children in Year 4 will be tested on their quick recall of times tables. This is a new National check, more information will be sent out in due course.

PE and swimming sessions!

Swimming sessions have started and are held at Everyone Active for the Year 4 children; please look out for information and a consent letter if your child is in the next group.

PE lessons will happen twice a week so please ensure your child always has their full PE kit in school.

Our topic this half term is I AM WARRIOR!

A big welcome back to CFSN for our first half term of learning. In Year 4, we have started with our new topic I am Warrior, a very exciting topic focusing on The Romans and the impact they had on Britain.

We have made a super start to this half term and have already learned lots of facts about the Roman invasion of Britain and debated the reasons for the invasion.

There's also the residential trip to Blackwell this half term which is very exciting and always a great success in developing the children's risk taking and collaborative skills.

For those not going to Blackwell, we are planning some fun activities which will develop new skills.

English

How can you help your child in English? Here are some great ideas:

- ★ We are supporting a love of reading in the classroom by starting a ten minute period of quiet reading every afternoon. We are also encouraging the children to review the books they are reading and sharing this with their class.
- ★ Our big writing focus for this half term is using prepositions, adverbs and a variety of openers to start our sentences. You can support your child by encouraging them to look for examples of these features in their reading books.
- ★ We are encouraging the children to write for pleasure at home so please send them in with any writing they complete at home as we love them to share it with their peers.
- ★ For this topic, it would be valuable for them to read information texts about the Roman Empire to support their topic knowledge.

Topic

Our topic for this half-term is I am Warrior which will have a focus on Science, Geography and History within topic work. Learning will include:

In Science, our topic is Sound so we will be learning about how we hear and investigating how to alter the pitch and volume of a sound. Music lessons will reinforce science learning for this half term too

In History, learning will include the Roman Army and their tactics including some of the weapons they used, entertainment in Roman times including gladiators and chariot racing, life in Roman Britain for children and the technology the Romans brought to Britain including Hadrian's Wall. We will also be learning about Boudicca who led her Celtic tribe with their uprising against the Romans.

In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating Roman chariots which need to move when pulled.

Unlocking the learning at home....as always we love the super examples of home learning which are always on display in the main entrance. Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their chosen activities, or discuss ideas with them. Please just ask one of us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.