

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break, they all really deserve the rest after a very busy, first long term in year 4.

Looking ahead to the spring term, it is undoubtedly going to be another busy and interesting one as we explore our new learning. For History this term, we will be learning all about the "Ruthless Romans".

A few dates for your diary:

Monday 6th January 2025 - first day back in school. Term 3

Friday 10th January- **Roman Dress Up Day** (costumes welcome and encouraged!)

Friday 17th January- Relative reading 2:30pm

Tuesday 28th January- Multiplication table check Parent Meeting- 3pm in Pear class (information to follow)

Friday 31st January- Young voices trip to the O2

Monday 3rd February - children's mental health week

Thursday 6th February FORO disco

Friday 17th February - Half term, 3pm finish

Wednesday 26th February- Air ambulance visit

Thursday 6th March- World book day (information to follow)

Tuesday 18th March- Parent Book look

Wednesday 19th March - Trip to the Corinium in Cirencester

Friday 4th April Finish- Last day of term for Easter- 1:30pm Finish

Key reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school.
- **PE days will be changing to a Wednesday and Thursday in term 3.** Please ensure that children wear correct PE kit in school for their days. The kit is a house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor) and tracksuit bottoms (winter and outdoors), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. As well as this, a jumper, coat and trainers are advisable for the colder winter months as we may be going out to do P.E come rain or shine! Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home or a message on Class Dojo. When children are in the hall, they are asked to take their shoes off, as it marks the floor. If there are any medical reasons that children cannot remove their shoes please let us know.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this on the Boom Reader app whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a magazine. Please can your child bring in their school reading books every day so that we can read with them and keep an eye on how regularly your child is recording their reading. Children will be rewarded for reading frequently.
- Homework and spellings will be set termly. Spellings will be tested on Tuesdays. Homework will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. We have high expectations of children with regards to spelling and multiplication practise and we ask that every child completes this in full.

- Timestables - We are really stepping up our focus on timestables this coming term, in preparation for the MTC (multiplication tables check) in June. It is essential children practice daily on TTRS sound check. There will be a parent meeting in term 3 to give you more information about the assessment.

If you have any questions, concerns or children's celebrations, please continue to contact us through Class Dojo. Please be aware that we may not be able to respond to messages immediately. Please also feel free to email us via the contacts on the school website/newsletters should this be easier.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jacques, Miss James and Mr Carter