

January 2018

Dear Year Four Parents

The Autumn term flew by and I am sure this term will be no exception.

This term we have lots of exciting things planned. We will begin with a Science 'Human and Animals' topic in which we will be learning about the digestive system, teeth and food chains. The children will be working collaboratively to plan and carry out an investigation into tooth decay.

For the rest of this term our topic will be 'Romans' which we will launch on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January with a Romans day. The children will be invited to come to school dressed as a Roman and will be taking part in many workshop style activities including:

- A Latin lesson in which children will use wax tablets.
- A gladiator game
- A Numismatics (study of coins) competition in which children will need to decipher which coins are real and which are fake and then use their magnifying glasses to identify features on the real ones.
- Use of curse tablets
- A selection of Roman games.

The materials for the workshop were purchased with the money given to each class by the PTFA and are reusable so a good investment for the school.

As part of their Romans topic the children will also be studying Roman mosaics and then designing and making their own mosaics. The children will be learning a new song 'Just like a Roman' which they will use as inspiration for their own Roman song. In the second part of the half term the children will design and make musical instruments and use these to accompany the songs that they have composed. This will also link to their second Science topic which is 'Sound.'

PE will continue to be every Tuesday afternoon and this term will be tag rugby. Please ensure you child's PE kit is in school each Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson last Friday, the staff quickly assessed their ability and put them into the appropriate groups. These groups may change throughout the term if the instructors feel that the children have grown in confidence or perhaps need a little nurturing. Everyone had the correct swimming kit last week which was fantastic. It is also a good idea to send an extra break time snack into school on swimming days as the children do tend to get hungry after swimming.

If your child wears earrings, please note that these must be removed before school on a Tuesday and Friday. Should your child arrive in school wearing earrings on P.E days, these will be covered by staff front and back with surgical tape to ensure they can participate in our PE sessions safely. Hair must also be tied back at all times in school.

**Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellington boots in school at all times in case of wet weather and a warm coat.** A number of children have not been able to participate in break time on the field as they do not have wellies in school. An old pair of trainers is a good alternative if your child does not have wellies.

We would also be extremely grateful if you would please ensure that ALL uniform, including PE kit, is clearly named.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Mrs Thomas