

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic summer! We have a fun filled half term coming up and both classes will be exploring Forest School once again. Due to the popular demand of Forest School year 4 will be sharing the Friday afternoon slot with the classes going out alternative weeks. The class teacher will communicate this to you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant. Our doors are always open and we are here to help!

LITERACY

This half term in literacy we are going to be looking at Performance Poetry by studying the poem 'The Fall of Rome' by Paul Perro. This fun and educational poem celebrates the lives and achievements of one of the most successful race in human history- the Romans! Moving forwards they will be able to write their own poems, stories, diaries, news reports and taking us on a journey through Rome of their own design.

Key vocabulary:

suffix	metaphors	similies
conjunctions	punctuation	adjectives
verbs	nouns	adverbs
apostrophe	questions	exclamations
prefix	fiction	non-fiction

Mathematics

This half term we will be focussing on number and place value. We will begin our maths journey by looking at rounding up and down in multiples of ten and moving on to hundreds and thousands. Moving forwards children will be able to recognise the value of numbers within four digit numbers. Linden and Juniper will also be learning how to count in multiples of 25 as well as recognising numbers below zero. This is an essential tool for real life situations such as temperature, water depth and money.

There will be a strong focus on the children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

Key vocabulary:

ones	tens	hundreds	thousands
ten thousand	place	value	
worth digit	position	multiple	
rounding	estimate	approximate	
positive	negative	numeral	

SCIENCE

This half term we are going to be looking at living things and their habitats. We will learn that living things can be recognised and grouped in a variety of ways. We will also be exploring the different environments and also learning about changes to the environment which can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Key Vocabulary:

environment flowering
non-flowering plants animals
vertebrate danger human impact
invertebrates





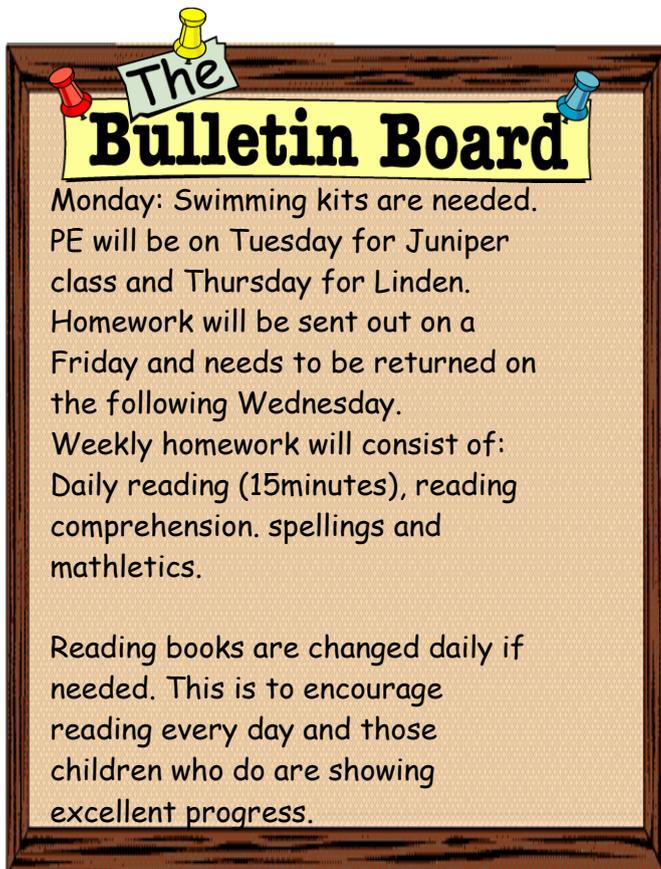
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We will be taking Linden and Juniper swimming each week and also introducing the 'Daily Mile'.

PSHE - This term we will be looking at our school's key values and how they impact ourselves and others.

Music - This term, we will be exploring music through our Charanga programme. We will be focusing on 'Mamma Mia' by ABBA and children will be able to recognise the basic style indicators of ABBA's music.

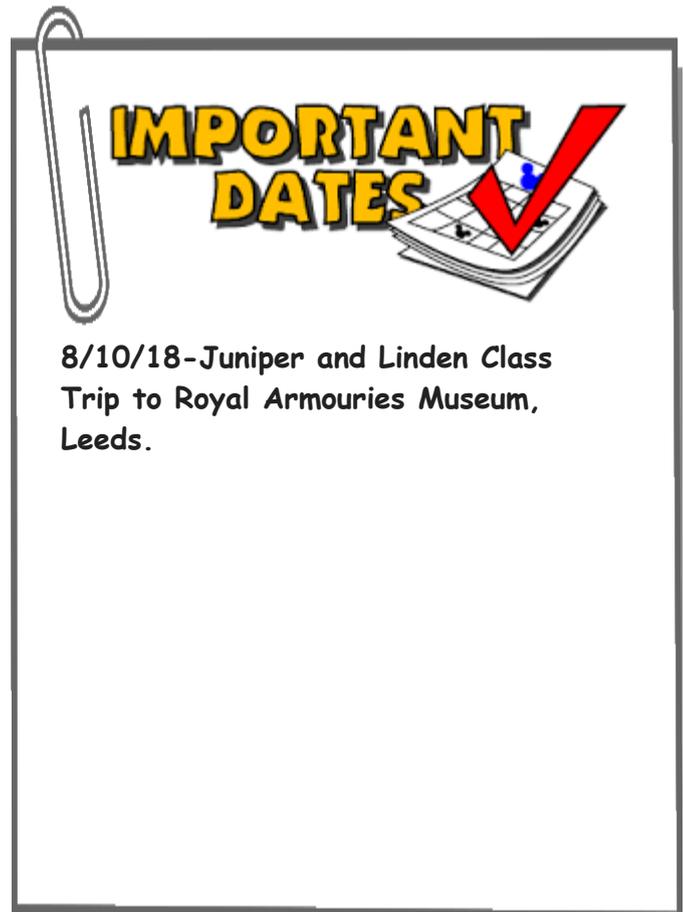
Computing - We will be using computers as a research tool and looking at staying safe online.



The Bulletin Board

Monday: Swimming kits are needed.
PE will be on Tuesday for Juniper class and Thursday for Linden.
Homework will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday.
Weekly homework will consist of:
Daily reading (15minutes), reading comprehension, spellings and mathletics.

Reading books are changed daily if needed. This is to encourage reading every day and those children who do are showing excellent progress.



IMPORTANT DATES

8/10/18-Juniper and Linden Class Trip to Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



It's time to find out about...

The Rotten Romans!

A visit to the Royal Armouries Museum!

To help the children learn, we will be taking them on an educational trip to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds. Here they will be able to experience an exciting hands-on workshop all about the Romans and Barbarians.



Let's design!

During our design and technology lessons, we will be researching, planning, making and evaluating a Roman village. Year 4 will be using computers and then a variety of materials to finalise their creations.

Who were the Romans?

Rome was founded in 753BC by its first king, Romulus. It grew into a rich and powerful city during the next few hundred years. The Romans were amazing architects and engineers and today we have a lot of things we take for granted to thank them for!

Fun facts about Romans

Gladiators would fight each other as well as wild animals, such as lions and bears. The Romans built such a huge empire and conquered new lands, thanks to their strong army. The Roman army could march up to 40km a day! The Romans didn't spend all their time fighting - they were amazing architects too!

What did the Romans do for us?

We will look at how the clever Romans, to bring water to their cities, built aqueducts - a system of channels and bridges - to transport water for public baths and toilets! They were also responsible for creating a sewage system, calendars and a currency system.

Dress as a Roman!

We will be celebrating our studies with a fantastic Roman day. Children will be given the materials to dress like a Roman and even march like a Roman!