

### Additional Information

#### Uniform:

Pupils should wear a blue, yellow or white top (no motifs please) and appropriate skirts, shorts or trousers. Please also remember that the only jewellery allowed in school is small stud earrings. Long hair should be tied back.

#### Water:

It is Sherington School policy to drink plenty of water throughout the day to aid concentration and learning. Your child should bring a plastic bottle to school as soon as possible which should be labelled and kept in the classroom.

#### Birthdays:

At Sherington we are proud of our Healthy School status. On your child's birthday, you may wish to send in a pre-cut cake with napkins (no sweets or chocolates please). Alternatively, you could buy a book or a game for the classroom. If you are unsure please speak to your child's class teacher. We thank you for your support.

#### Homework:

In line with the school's homework policy, children can expect to receive spellings each week. Homework will be set on Friday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. If your child is struggling with an aspect of their homework please encourage them to seek help from their teacher in advance of it being due in.

#### Daily Reading

Please support your child to read for a minimum of 15 minutes each day. They need to be updating their reading books they read at home and in school.

Children greatly benefit from reading aloud to adults and we greatly encourage this.

#### School Trips

We are always looking for parents to help on our school trips. We are very appreciative of the time you give in supporting your child's learning. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help with this terms trips.

#### Upcoming Trips this term:

Science: The Science Museum, Kensington.

Humanities: Lullingstone Villa.

# Year 4 Spring 2016-17 Newsletter



Mr Harrison & Miss Watson

### English

We will continue to improve our English skills through daily handwriting, grammar, punctuation and spelling sessions. Our English texts this term will be strongly linked with our humanities topic, the Romans. Throughout the term we will be reading a range of Roman myths, focusing on the features and structure, leading to retelling and writing our own Roman myth. As the term develops, the children will be writing their own report on the Romans. This work will link with our Humanities topic on the Roman Empire.

### Maths

In Numeracy we will be continuing to consolidate our understanding of addition and subtraction using column methods and mental arithmetic strategies. Throughout the first half term we will also be looking at geometry (2D shape, symmetry and measures) and fractions, including place value. During the second half term we will be focusing on measure (money) and statistics, including addition and subtraction.

### Times tables:

By the end of Year 4, we hope that all children will have completed their times tables passport. To help them achieve this, children could practice their times tables using the times tables grids in their homework books.

### Science

**States of matter** - We will be learning how to compare and group materials together according to whether they are a solid, liquid or gas; observe how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled; identify the key part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. This will be done through practical investigations, discussion, testing and development of ideas.

### Spring Term Humanities Topic:

#### **The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain**

Throughout this topic pupils will gain an understanding of what the terms 'empire', 'settlement', 'migration', 'invasion' and 'conquest' mean. This will be taught through learning about where and when the Romans conquered their invasion of Britain and the impact of Roman life on Britain today. To accompany and enhance our learning both classes will be going on a trip to Lullingstone Villa in Kent.



### Computing

In computing this term, children will be working on internet safety. There will be lots of discussion and activities based around how to stay safe on the internet. Children will also be making a game on how to stay safe on the internet.

### Religious Education:

**Weddings** - We will be looking at ways of celebrating the story; the community; the symbols; the inner meaning; and how different faiths celebrate this occasion.

### Art and DT

During the spring term we will be designing and creating roman mosaics. Children will research, design and make mosaic tiles inspired by Roman architecture. In Design and Technology Year 4 will be designing and making working torches; building on their knowledge of electricity.

### PE Kits:

PE will take place on Tuesday for 4H and 4W. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor PE that it is clearly labelled.

The children should bring their kits into school at the beginning of the half term and they should stay in school until the half term break when they can be taken home for washing.

### Swimming

Please remember that all children in Year 4 will be swimming every Monday, and ensure that children bring the correct swimming kit: swimming hat, plain dark costume and a towel.

