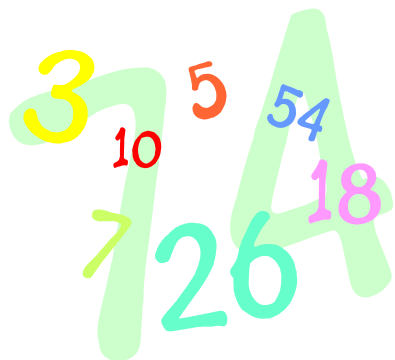


In Maths lessons children will continue to work on the 4 rules of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will complete units on measure, fractions, statistics and much more.

Please continue to help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise their tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Playing cards and board games which use number, time or money etc.



### Homework

Please continue to support your child with numeracy homework tasks.

In addition to the set homework, please remember that **Doodle Maths**, **Times Table Rockstars** and **TT Blast** are all completely free apps that have been shown to have a real impact on children's fluency in core Numeracy skills.

Inside every child's reading diary is also a complete list of the words that children will be expected to spell by the end of Year 3/4. Practising these at home can help to build up fluency and confidence in lessons.

Thank you for all your support in your child's learning,  
Miss Skirving, Miss Hughes and Mr Kendrick



## Year 3 & 4 Spring Term 2019 The Romans

We hope that our overview of this term's topics will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.

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This term we will be finding out about the Romans. In our History and Geography lessons we will be finding out who they were, where they settled in Britain, about their daily life and much more. As part of our topic we are planning a visit to Wroxeter Roman Villa, so the children can learn first hand about Roman settlements, from the ruins and other hands on objects.

In our Science lessons, we will be looking at plants, seed dispersal and the process of photosynthesis.

In Art, we will be studying Roman patterns and mosaics, followed by making models using clay .

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making a Roman shield as well as sewing Roman brooches using felt.

In R.E., children will find out about Mohammed, his faith and treating animals with respect.

Our SEAL lessons will be focusing on 'Going for Goals' where the children will think about setting their own goals and ways of achieving it. Our other topic will be 'Good to be Me.' We will continue to focus on British Values throughout our lessons.

In our Computing lessons, children will be researching the Romans. They will be using programmes such as J2E and PowerPoint to communicate and present their research.

We will be completing a unit on dance in our P.E. lessons and ball games outside. Year 4 have now finished their swimming, with Year 3 to begin swimming after Easter.

**Children still need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms now the colder weather is here.) They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.**



In Literacy we will be reading Philip Pullman's *The Firework Maker's Daughter* and Ted Hughes' *The Iron Man*.

Children will be using a variety of other texts and videos to support their writing. As part of our topic we will be writing non-chronological reports and newspaper reports linked to the Romans.

Last term we had great success with our whole class guided reading of *Charlie and the Chocolate factory*. Staff noticed a real difference this year as the children were able to access their own copy of the text. While we will be liaising with local libraries to secure as many copies of our Spring books as possible, we feel it would be of great benefit if those children that do have their own copies bring them in for use in lessons. Copies of both books can be purchased on Amazon for less than £5 each.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary; Children who do not read or fail to get their diary signed will need to read for 10 minutes at break.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Please encourage your children to read and research The Romans.
- Continuing with their reading champions challenge.

