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St Elizabeth`s Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Mrs. Docherty and I would like to warmly welcome you and the children to Year 4! The children have already settled in well and I know that we will have great fun and learn loads together this year. Our first topic this year has a Historical Focus – we will be using an enquiry based approach to find out about the Romans and their legacy. We are having a launch day for our topic on Friday September 16th. Please come dressed up as someone from the Roman times. (Sheets as togas are always an option!)

Please could you ensure that your child has a named water bottle for use in the classroom. This needs to be taken home on a daily basis and washed.

P.E will be Thursdays and Fridays this term. The children must come into school in P.E kits on these days. It is important that the children have navy/black or grey jogging bottoms (no large logos) and school jumpers, or school fleeces / hoodies, as well as their normal PE kit (school T-shirt and royal blue shorts), as we will aim to be outside as much as possible.

Reading

All children now have their new student planners and have been given a school reading book. Many children will now be reading books on a new level. The Year 4 Big Cat books are Ruby and Emerald. The children's progress will be monitored and additional books will be provided to support and extend the children's levels in reading. The children will also have a book from our class library, it would be lovely if you could also read sections of this book to your child, maybe as a book at bedtime! Your child must read for 5 to 10 minutes every day. Please continue to hear your child read, and when you do, record this in their student planner. They also have Reading Olympiad tasks that they can complete to earn their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates, it would be wonderful if the children chose books from the Year 4 reading spine which can be linked to the reading Olympiad challenge.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday. The children will be given 20 spellings. All children will complete the first 10, Bronze, they will then choose whether they also want to learn the 5 Silver and 5 Gold spellings too. These spellings will be found in their student planner. I will be giving out the first set of spellings on Friday 9th September. I have also included some idea sheets to help your children learn and practice spellings. The spellings chosen are from the year 4 spelling appendix of the National Curriculum. In addition the children are expected to secure designated year 3 and 4 words. It would be great if you could practice these throughout this academic year. They are included in the silver and gold spellings of the weekly quizzes.

Maths and Homework

Please also help your child to keep practising times tables on doodle maths and fire multiplication and division facts at them regularly. Doodle is a great resource to support your child with aspects of English, including spelling and maths. This year, the class will be undertaking the national multiplication tests and need to know all their tables up to 12x. There is a free website called times tables.co.uk which we use regularly at school and has many opportunities to practise specific tables and then mixed tables at speed.

Our Power Projects this term are linked to the Romans where projects mean house points and raffle tickets that could result in a prize! Please encourage and support your children to take part in these as they will really enhance their understanding of and enthusiasm for our Roman topic.

I will send messages out on Dojo as well as email – if you have not joined and need help to join to please let me know. It is the best way for me to be able to update you on what is happening in class and you to send me questions. Please also note that I am not able to look at messages sent in the morning or during the day as I am teaching. If you need an issue addressing in the day that is urgent, please contact the office.

Thank you for all your continued support. If you would like a hard copy of this letter please let me know, via Dojo and I will have one printed for you.

With Kind Regards,

Mrs. Burroughs