

Year 4 Newsletter Spring Term 2017

Latest News.....

Welcome back and happy new year.

Now that Christmas has passed, we are looking forward to another challenging, engaging and exciting term in Y4.

This term, we will be starting our new history topic based on the Roman invasion of Britain. A large percentage of our curriculum up until Easter will be based on this topic.

Please keep using our school website as it is updated regularly to help keep all parents informed about what is happening in our school. All newsletters and a calendar of key events can be found through this site hanhamabbotsjunior.org.uk

Thank you for your support

Mr Evans

(Y4 Learning Leader)

Curriculum

English

Children will receive an hour of English each day from Monday to Thursday (a short lesson on Friday due to swimming). Areas that children will study this term are Quest Stories, Report Writing, Tragedy Stories and Discussion Techniques. The majority of this work will be linked to our topic about Rome. Guided reading will also take place on a fortnightly basis outside the English lesson.

Mathematics

The children will receive an hour of mathematics each day within their different mathematic sets. (Due to swimming on Friday there will be a shorter lesson.) During these lessons, the children will develop and explore their

understanding of all areas of mathematics. Children will also be encouraged to extend their investigation skills as well as apply their understanding of mathematics to everyday situations.



Science

This term, children will be taking part in a topic based on states of matter where they will investigate particles, reversible changes and the water cycle.



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How Parents Can Help.....

Homework

Copies of the homework policy can be found on the school website.

Each week in mathematics, children will receive either a written activity or an exercise to complete on Mathletics. The activity should take no longer than twenty minutes to complete. We would also encourage children to learn their multiplication tables and number bonds. Any help that can be given at home to apply mathematics to everyday situations (money, time, measure, problem solving) would be of great benefit to your child.

For English, there will be a weekly piece of homework. This will be based on a spelling activity. The English activity should take no longer than twenty minutes to complete.

The school does expect each child to spend at least five minutes a night reading to an adult. Please could you initial the Home School Diary when your child has read.



Home / School Learning Project

This term we plan to set one Home School Learning Task designed to engage the children in their topic of Roman Britain. Children will be asked to research the life of a Roman soldier and make Roman armour. The school believes that the more the children take part, the more they will enjoy and learn from these experiences. Parents, guardians and grandparents are more than welcome to lend a helping hand!

Home School Diaries

Children should bring these diaries to school each day. Please use them to communicate with your child's teacher. As mentioned above, please initial in the diaries when your child has read at home.

Children will be expected to have at least three initials each week and diaries will be checked every Friday.

Trips and Activities...

This term, there is only one trip planned. We are hoping to take the whole year group to Caerleon Museum in Newport to look at the Roman remains and artefacts. During this trip, the children will have the chance to look around the Roman amphitheatre, garden, barracks and even dress up as a Roman Soldier. We do need to ask for a contribution for the coach hire and workshop activity. More details will be given as soon as possible.

All activities and trips are calculated on a breakeven basis and are designed to try and make the children's curriculum more hands on, interactive and fun!

13th March (Y4W & ½ of Y4B) & 20th March (Y4C & ½ of Y4B)



School Uniform...

Girls: White blouse or shirt, grey skirt or plain black school trousers. Grey pullover or cardigan, school tie, red, grey or white socks & sensible black low-heeled children's shoes. Summer dresses (optional) Red and white check.

Boys: White or Grey Shirt, grey short or long trousers, grey pullover, school tie, grey socks, sensible black children's shoes.

School / Family Liaison...

- Teachers are always happy to talk to parents about their child's progress and learning but please could you arrange to see your child's class teacher after school.
- Please make sure HASP Books are brought into school every day.
- Keep up to date with the new school website – hanhamabbotsjunior.org.uk