



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Year 4 Blue Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us! The Year 4 teaching team this year consists of Ruth Rose, Helen Giffen, Leanne Simmonds and Mrs Decent as full time TA support. Ruth Rose will be teaching Monday, Tuesday morning and Wednesday, Mrs Giffen on Thursday and Friday and Mrs Simmonds on Tuesday afternoon.

### Curriculum

Children in Year 4 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be learning about the life, achievements and legacy of The Romans in Britain as well as improving our map and atlas reading skills with a focus on Europe and The Alps. We already have a visit to St Albans Cathedral coming up shortly which will be a lovely way to launch the topic.

The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths and Science focus areas for this term. In terms of reading, all children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. It would be lovely to see some comments in the reading records from parents when children have read independently at home.

### Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will usually be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic that we are studying. Homework is put on the Year 4 Google Classroom every Friday and needs to be turned in by the following Tuesday, unless alternative instructions are given on Google Classroom. If appropriate, paper copies of the homework will be available should a child wish to complete the work on paper rather than online. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

### PE Kits

We will have PE on Monday and Wednesday. However, **PE kits** should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons.

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 4 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground at the end of the day or email the school office and we will ring you back.

Best wishes,

The Year 4 team