



Year 4 Herons Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2024- 25!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!



I am very excited to be joining the Gainsborough team this year and have had a great first few weeks getting to know the children and teaching them. The children are very happy to have Mr Furlong in the classroom with them as our excellent teaching assistant and together as a team we hope to have a fun and successful year.

Our learning will be centred around **The Romans** this term.

History and Geography

In History. We will be learning all about Roman life and in particular, what it was like to be in the Roman army. We will be learning about what soldiers ate, how they lived and carried out their day to day duties. We will also look at how Roman citizens lived.

Reading

- This half term we will be enjoying the story **"Rampage of the Romans" by Jeremy Strong** as our class reader.
- We will be practising our summarising skills by regularly completing summaries in our learning logs.
- To support your child at home, please read with them every day.
- The children will have continued use of Reading Plus. Please find details of your child's logins in their homework book.
- Reading lessons will continue to focus on answering a range of question types based on the book that they are reading.

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around the Romans and Roman Myths. We will be writing a non-chronological report based on the Romans and we will be retelling the story behind a Roman myth.

To support your child's writing please ensure they learn their spelling words at home. Spelling patterns and words are set as part of homework.

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Maths

This half term we will be covering:

Place Value: We will learn to recognise and represent numbers to 10,000, round numbers, order and compare and read Roman numerals.

Addition and Subtraction: We will carry out calculations involving addition and subtractions. Using efficient methods, we will focus on 4 digit numbers which involves exchanges.

*Please support your child's learning at home by helping them to practise their times tables using **Times Tables Rockstars** and complete tasks set on **Mathletics**.*

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Trips and Visits

Friday 4th October- The British Museum to explore our topic of The Romans.

.Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Green.'

Science

The focus of our Science lessons this half term will be: **Animals Including Humans**

We will investigate different types of Animals, including humans. We will also learn about different parts of the human body and their functions in everyday life, particularly the role of the digestive system.

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Systems and Searching.' We will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. We will learn how search engines work and compare different search engines.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Being me in my World.' During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face. They will learn and talk about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community and the country they live in.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Judaism. We will learn about the key figures in the religion, the values of Hanukkah and stories and teachings from the Jewish tradition.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on dance, gymnastics and yoga. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit **Tuesday**.

Music

The children will be exploring Gospel music this half term. They will identify musical dimensions featured in a song. They will perform using the glockenspiel. They will be able to express their understanding using key vocabulary including tempo, notation and rhythm.

Spanish

The theme of this half term's Spanish lessons is 'All About Me'. Children will focus on expressing information about themselves, their families and heritage.. Using sentence builders, children will be able to express information including who their family members are and their ages.

Art and DT

In Art, children will create mosaics inspired by their Romans History topic. They will analyse the styles and colours used in Roman mosaics before creating their own. Look out for the fantastic work on Instagram.

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