

Welcome Back Year 3 /4

We hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year with friends and family.

This term our topic will be looking at Romans in Britain and what they did for us.

English

During the first half term, we will be looking at the story of Romulus and Remus. We will be taking lots of opportunities to write and develop our comprehension skills through this text. We will then be turning this story into a playscript and having a go at acting it out. In guided reading, we are reading the 'Iron Man' and using this to infer about characters' thoughts, feelings and motives.

As always, please can we stress the importance of reading at home. Books are always available to borrow from School, or children can read books that they already have at home. We will be having a big push on this over the Spring term. Yellow reading diaries are only required to be in School on a <u>Monday</u>. This helps to prevent them getting forgotten and left in School. <u>If your child is on phonics or level books</u>, they should be reading these daily.

Maths

Before Christmas, we started focussing on multiplication and division. We will be continuing this initially. As always, any extra support at home with times tables will give your child a great advantage in their learning. Using times tables rock stars at home will help children to revise as it focuses on the tables children are less sure of (which is why it may appear difficult to some). The Year 3's will be spending time looking at units of measure (cm, g, ml etc) whilst the Year 4's will be looking at graphs and fractions. It is great to see so many children engaging with Mathletics through choice. Some children are even getting certificates every week which is really impressive.

PE

This term, the children will be starting to learn their UDance dance. This may occur on irregular days so it is crucial that children have their PE kits in each day to allow flexibility in our timetable.

Diary Dates

Open Afternoon - 25th March 2024

UDance - 22nd March (TICKETS ON SALE from 19th February - we will send a reminder via the Jotter nearer the time). Please don't forget to return your child's consent form to School asap.

Potential Maryport Senhouse Museum Trip - 9th February 2024



Homework

As always, we expect all children to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes every day in order to secure their fluency and understanding. This includes discussing what they have read.

Only reading needs to be recorded in homework records. Please sign daily to show your child has read. Records will be checked on Monday and sent back out the same evening. Children who complete the 'Strive for 5' reading challenge each week will be entered into the reading raffle.

Maths homework will be set via Mathletics with two tasks being set (one will be revision and one based on current learning). We would also like for children to spend time on Times Tables Rock stars to practise their times tables.

If your child needs another copy of their login details please ask. It will be expected that if children do not complete their homework that they will do this whilst the rest of the class enjoy an additional playtime.

Topic homework challenges will be sent out this week on Seesaw.

Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us:

Miss Ellwood, Miss Linton, Mrs Penfold and Mrs Blaney