



**Year 4**  
**with Miss Williams, Miss Carlton- Ware and Ms**  
**Rabbitt**  
**November – December 2023**

Hello and welcome back!  
We hope you had a great half-term break.

We have a very exciting half-term ahead of us full of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Our topic this half-term has a history focus and we will be learning all about The Romans.

**English:**

In writing this half-term, we will be writing our own portal stories as our fiction piece, and we will also be writing diary entries as Julius Caesar to build on our learning about the Romans. The children have made a great start at using fronted adverbials, subordinating conjunctions, and using apostrophes for possession this year and we will continue to build on their grammar and punctuation throughout our writing lessons.

Our class novel this half-term is 'The Leopard in the Golden Cage'. This is an exciting text and we will be exploring this text in depth through our Super 6 reading skills. Children will have lots of opportunities in class to read out loud and practise their fluency when reading.

***. Please can you make sure that you continue to sign your child's reading record at least 3 times a week in order to have their home reading book changed.***

**Maths:**

In Maths this half-term, we will be developing our understanding of what area is and learning to measure and compare the areas of different shapes. We will also be building on our learning from previous years on multiplication and division. It is important that by the end of Y4 children are secure with their multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 so we will be doing lots of practice in class.

**Swimming and PE:**

This half-term:

From November through to December, Miss Williams' and Mrs Rabbitt's class will be attending swimming on a Thursday afternoon and Friday morning every week. On Friday they will be leaving at 9AM for swimming so please ensure that they are not late.

***On their swimming day the children will need to bring a swim bag with a towel, swimwear and goggles and/or a swim cap if they would like.***

Michael Jordan Class will have their PE days in school on Wednesday and Thursday.

***Please continue to send children in their PE kit on PE days. This needs to be plain black joggers and a plain black sweatshirt. As the weather is getting colder please send your children to school with coats and sensible footwear to walk to and from swimming.***

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or ring the office and we will phone back at our earliest convenience.

Many thanks,

Miss Williams, Miss Carlton-Ware and Ms Rabbitt

**Important Dates:**

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023- School closes to pupils for the holidays.
- Monday 6th November 2023 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new half term.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School closes for Christmas break.

**You can help by:**

Helping your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts, as this is a huge focus in Year 4. Please encourage your child to use their Chromebooks also to support practice of these. There are lots of apps and websites ready for you.

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas or ask them questions about how they think a character might be feeling. Encourage them to make connections with the text or wonder and ask questions about different parts.

Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning and skills.