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Year 4 Summer 2023

Dates for your diary:

- Music Evening 4th May 5:00pm
- **Bank Holiday Monday** 8th May
 - Ascension Mass in Church 9:30am
 - Thursday 18th
- KS2 Sports Day 1:30-3pm
- First Holy Communion Saturday Corpus Christi Church 21st May 11:15am
- First Holy Communion Liturgy in school Thursday 25th May
- KS2 Film Night 3:30 Thursday 25th May
- **INSET** Friday 26th May
- **Half Term** 29th May-2nd June
- **Back to School** Monday 5th June and School Photos
- 29th June—Year 4 Visit to The Becket School
- Open Afternoon 21st June
- Y3 and Y4 Mass TBC
- Educational Visit TBC
- **Last Day of Term** Tuesday 25th July



Summer in Year 4

Welcome back to the summer term at BRW. We have got lots planned for the coming

term and hopefully there will be much to talk about as we explore a range of exciting topics in our learning!

The children have worked really hard over the last term and I have been really impressed with both in school and home learning. Times tables are becoming ever more fluent and I know that the children are trying to beat their best scores on TTRS!

Blood-thirsty Bullies or Fighting Force? How did the Roman Empire Evolve?

There are lots of opportunities this half term—notably both inside and outside, where we will be exploring a range of exciting topics including the science of plants and the exciting history of the Romans!

We continue to '**Stand Firm in our Faith**' as we now discover and investigate all about Roman Britain; How the Romans invaded Britain, failed at first but persevered and succeeded, how they settled here and what legacy they left us. Our cross-curricular topic will enable us to incorporate many themes into this imagination grabbing topic!

In **RE** we will be exploring New Life, Building Bridges and God's People—whilst also taking time to explore the Hindu faith in our explorations of other religions.

In **English** we will continue to build our amazing writing skills alongside some fabulous class reads including the amazing Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman and The Firework Maker's Daughter.

Our **scientific** investigations will be related to plants initially—hopefully lots of opportunities to explore the changing plants around us as we enter summer. We will also be looking at forces and magnets into the second half of summer which should be full of practical investigation!

In **Mathematics** we will be working hard to consolidate our range of calculation strategies which the children have already made a super start on. We will be improving our knowledge and recall of our multiplications facts up to the 12 x table and we will be using Times Tables Rocks Stars on a weekly basis to hone these skills. Numbots is also available for the children to use at home. It is expected that they take part in around 10 minutes per evening to help develop their mental recall of number facts.

In **Art and DT** we will be using clay to construct a range of artefacts linked with our Romans topic whilst exploring the art of artist Nick Mackman.

During **PE** we will be learning the skills to play cricket and athletics and making the most of our skills to engage in some healthy competition!

When we are in the **Computer Lab** we will be exploring Networks, Video Editing and Green Screen skills!



Notice: PE kit will still be needed in school all week from Monday—Friday. Signed diaries and homework are collected each Monday.

How you can help

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to catch me at the end of the day or let the office know and I shall be happy to speak with you at your convenience. As a parent myself, I know that we are always curious as to how best to support our children, and especially how to do this with us here at BRW. As a result, here are a few key things that can prove invaluable in supporting your child.

- 1) Check homework newsletters which go out each Thursday. This will have up-to-date information on the children's activities too.
- 2) **Regular use of Times Tables Rocks Stars**, Numbots and Division, addition and subtraction Mathletics will help the children master recall of their multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. The expectation is for them to play for 10 minutes per day. **This is especially important as year 4 have their Times Tables assessment in June—so encourage your child to practice daily wherever possible!**
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home daily and ask them questions about what they are reading. Reading aloud is great, talking about the book together really helps develop children understanding of the story and vocabulary.
- 4) Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school.
- 5) Spellings are in your child's homework diary and will be tested on a Thursday morning. Whilst in the same lesson, they will be introduced to the new spellings and will practice these using their best handwriting.



All your support makes such an enormous difference!

Mrs Joels

BRW Blogging!

Blessed Robert Widmerpool has been online now for some time and the children have had chance in class to access the website themselves.

If you are interested in finding out what happens in class, please log on to... BRWacademy.com

