

YEAR 4 SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025



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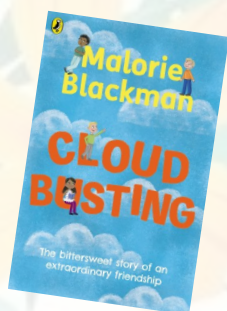
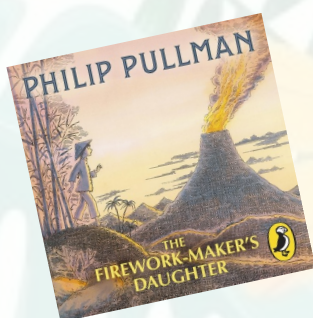
'Empire and Earth: How did the Romans Spread Like Wildfire?'

'Stewards of the Earth; Guardians of God's Gifts'

It's the Summer Term already! The children will have many opportunities for learning in the classroom and beyond in the next few months running up to Easter. The children continue to be a joy to work with and I have every confidence the term will be a chance to learn and practice skills and knowledge that will see them grow as learners and as individuals. This term, we continue to explore the theme of the year **'Stewards of the Earth; Guardians of God's Gifts'**. Children have been sharing who they are and how they look after their world by completing the Stewardship Backpack activity, which every child will get a chance to do this year.

In **RE**, the children's next topic is **'New Life'**, which encourages us to think about what the coming of the Holy Spirit meant for the apostles, and what it means for us. The other topics this term include **'Building Bridges'** and **'God's People'**. In **RHE**, we will be covering Money, Life Cycles, Community and more.

Our first **English** focus is **'The Firework Maker's Daughter'** by Philip Pullman. The children will be writing their own fables inspired by this story. We continue to expand our vocabulary and navigate language through **spellings** and **whole class reading**, discovering new words in text and searching for super synonyms! Our next text after half term will be **Cloudbusting** by **Malorie Blackman**.



Maths will continue to focus **Decimals**, moving on to **Money, Time, Shape, Statistics, Position and Direction**. With **multiplications checks coming up in June**, we will have extra focus on practice in school, in **Computing** and extra times tables clubs. Support at home through engagement with online resources such as **Times Tables Rock Stars** is going to be so beneficial for this, too, and so **thank you** in advance for supporting your child in this way!

Our **topic** title this term is '**Empire and Earth: How did the Romans Spread Like Wildfire?**'. In **Geography**, we will investigate **Europe**, with a focus on **Italy**. In **History**, we will be learning about the Romans' impact on Britain. We will also be embarking on a Romans-themed visit in July!

In **Science**, we will be learning all about **forces and magnets**, as well as **plants**. We will be exploring Roman mosaics in **Art**, and in **DT** we will be doing Lego Coding linked to our Topic.

In **PE**, the children have brilliant opportunities this term for varied and beneficial learning. Year 4 will have lessons in ball skills and basketball.

In **French** lessons, children will be exploring the units 'All Around Town' and 'On The Move'. **Music** will focus on Far-Eastern music and Tribal Groove. Choral music singing is continuing, and hymn practices shall continue ahead of whole school Masses.

Looking forward to a joyful term,
Kind regards,

Mr. Penna

Dates for your diary!

KS2 Film Night	30th Apr
Music Evening	22nd May
INSET Day	23rd May
Half Term	26-30 May
Class Photos	11th June
OPAL Open Morning	17th June
Open Afternoon	25th June
INSET Day	4th July
Y3 & 4 Roman Day visit to Bestwood	9th July
Children's Reports	11th July
End of Year Mass	23rd July
End of term	29th July

How you can help:

You can check homework reminders, which will be shared in children's diaries on a weekly basis, starting soon. Homework will aim to consolidate learning in class and also provide opportunities for project work with a view to display and celebrate creations throughout the year!

The children have logins for Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots and can use Mathletics alongside this to practise their times tables. Encouraging regular use of these will help your children master recall of their times tables facts up to 12x12. Logins are glued into homework diaries.

Support your children in ensuring they are engaging in their expected **daily home reading** during the week, and ask them questions about what they are reading. Reading should be **signed by an adult every evening or morning throughout the week** (depending on when your child reads). Please write a note in your child's diary if there is a reason this has not happened.

Correct PE kits are needed in school **every day** (black shorts, white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls for indoor - **joggers, jumper and trainers** for outdoor while the weather is still chilly!). Children can take their kits home on a weekend for washing, to be brought back in on Mondays.

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