



April 2016

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome back all our pupils, and their families, after the Easter break. We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we shall continue to have high expectations of our pupils. It is important that they remain organised. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that the Planner and Reading Record is used to record daily reading at home. Please also ensure that all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled. So far there has been minimal lost property in the Year 4 area; let's try hard to maintain this.

Over the next half term, Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Coasts'. We will be creating a beach chest display filled and decorated with items likely to be found on a visit to the coast. We will be using water colours to create an artist's impression of a variety of different coastal landscapes. Pupils will sketch a still life of a variety of shells using artists' pencils.

We will be comparing four different poems and discussing the images they convey. The children will then create a poem, in the style of their choice, of a visit to the coast.

Pupils will be learning about different rock formations found at the coast and will learn how soft/hard rock is affected by weathering, deposition and erosion. Pupils will find out about Happisburgh, Norfolk, and the devastating effects of coastal erosion there. We will be making a model of a coast and adding our own sea defence ideas, and creating the many landforms created after erosion - stacks, arches, stumps and caves. Pupils will learn how these are formed.

In the second half of term our topic is the Romans. Pupils will learn about the expansion of the Empire, how and why it was so successful in battle and the legacy of the Romans. In addition to learning about Roman military prowess and their hierarchy of power, pupils will learn of the many different leisure activities the Romans enjoyed. There is an opportunity for pupils to participate in gladiatorial role plays. Pupils will design and make their own Roman mosaic and vase. The topic will be brought to life with a Roman day on Thursday 16 June.

Forthcoming Events

A reminder that Year 4 pupils will be undertaking their residential visit to Norfolk between 29 June and 1 July. There will be an information evening for parents about this trip on Monday 13 June at 6.30pm.

We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 23 June (Friday 24 June reserve day).



You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher.

It has been a continued pleasure for staff to work with Year 4 and we all look forward to a positive and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely

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