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A very warm welcome back! It's has been another tricky year and I know that most of you can't wait to return to school and a little bit of normality. I know we are certainly ready for that!

English

Our English work will be closely linked to our History topic – the Romans. We will begin the term learning about Roman Mythology and read Roman Myths including Romulus and Remus. We will retell the myth using ICT and silk painting. We will then move on to a novel by Terry Dreaary (The Horrible Histories creator) called The Captive Celt. Both narrative units of work will provide many writing opportunities including, diary entries, persuasive letter writing, setting descriptions and diary entries.

Reading is vitally important and children are encouraged to read as regularly as possible. Children can read for a range of purposes so please don't feel that reading should be limited to their school reading book. There are lots of opportunities to read in day-to-day activities e.g. reading the shopping list, the menu in a restaurant or a set of game instructions for their games console. All of these things will help develop your child's understanding and pleasure. Spelling is also vitally important and spellings will be set week and allocated using Spelling Shed.

Maths

We will begin our Maths enhancing our knowledge of place-value, up to 10,000. This forms the foundations for all of the future maths topics and is extremely important for children to understand. With that in mind, don't be concerned if your child says we have been learning about thousands, hundreds, tens and ones for almost 5 weeks! We will then use this in-depth knowledge to explore addition and subtraction of 3 and 4-digit numbers. Children will have the opportunity to explore different mathematical concepts in a number of different ways including practically using a range of equipment, pictorial – drawing diagrams and images to aid their understanding and finally in abstract ways – using more conventional and formal written methods for calculations.

Children will also be focusing on their Times Tables knowledge. The expectation in Year 4 is that children know all of their multiplication tables and related division facts up to 12 x 12. Please ensure that children practice the multiplication and division facts regularly. Children still have access to a number of online resources to help them do this including; Times Table Rock Stars, Conquer Maths and Hit the Button.

Science

Science will be taught discreetly this half term and is based on States of Matter. Children will develop their understanding of solids, liquids and gases. They will have the opportunity to complete some investigations to see how some substances can change between the different states and how this can be affected by heating and cooling.

History

In History, we will be learning about the impact the Romans had on Britain and what changes took place because of their invasion almost 2000 years ago. Children will have the opportunity to investigate Roman artefacts and to explore the ways in which the Romans still impact our life today. We will hopefully be able to visit the Roman fort of Arbeia and find out what archaeologists have learned from Hadrian's Wall.

Computing

In Computing, we learn how to keep safe on line – thinking about passwords and what information to share with others. We will also produce non-chronological reports using power point.





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Art

In our Art sessions, children will have the opportunity to complete some research based on Roman Mosaics. We will complete work on how they were made and why they are so important to historians and how they have enhanced our knowledge of Roman life. Children will be creating their own Roman mosaics using magazines. They will be given the opportunity to compare with works by the Spanish artist Gaudi. It would be a great help if these could be sent into school for children to cut up and use. A brilliant way to recycle!

PSHE

We will be thinking about RESPECT- for ourselves, our families and the wider community. We will be spending time thinking about our feelings and ways in which we can express these in a healthy way. We will have the opportunity to explore some mindfulness techniques and develop strategies in how to deal with our worries and anxieties.

RE

Our focus for this half term will be thinking about what we know about the Bible and why it is important to Christians. Children will have the opportunity to explore the history and content of the holy book and discuss its relevance to the Christian faith.

Spanish

Children will learn numbers to 1-31. We will revise the days of the weeks and introduce the months and seasons. The children will be encouraged to speak, read and write in Spanish.

PE

Our PE is currently timetabled for a Tuesday and a Thursday. We will be learning how to control, pass and catch a ball and engage in competitive games such as Three Touch Ball.

Children require an indoor and an outdoor kit including shoes. We will be using the outside area as much as possible and may need to wrap up warm! PE kit should be brought into school on a Monday and returned home on a Friday.

Homework

Homework will be allocated on a **Friday** and will be due to be handed in on a **Tuesday**. This may be an online activity, completing an activity to enhance or consolidate the learning from class or it may be a practical activity.

If you have any queries our new contact is y4cleves@cclt.education.

Yours Sincerely

The Year 4 team

