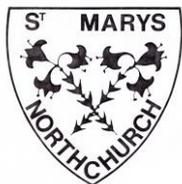


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Dear Families of Year 4,

I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and I wish you and your child a very warm welcome to Year 4. It was lovely to meet so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' session but if you were unable to attend, this will provide information on what to expect this half term.

We will be continuing to develop the Growth Mindset philosophy in the classroom to help instil a 'learning attitude' in each child and increase their resilience.

In Maths we will be working on mental and written methods for the four operations as well as 2D and 3D shapes, and measures including time. We will also be working on improving mental fluency and times tables.

In English we will be using a 'Read Write Perform' text for this half term which will link with our history topic on the Romans. We will be using a lot of discussion, comparing texts, persuasive writing and performance to enhance the children's writing. They will also continue to study spelling, grammar and punctuation.

#### Supporting your child at home

We do not use a reading record book in Year 4 but please continue to hear your child read at home; even if you only have a short time available, this is really valuable. Children will bring a reading book home but they are of course free to read other texts that you have at home.

Homework will be sent home on a Wednesday for return on the following Monday. Most weeks this will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths. Other subjects such as Science or topic work may be given instead.

#### PE and Swimming

Please ensure that children have their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every day.

Swimming will continue on Wednesday mornings for this term only. Apologies for the mix up with the starting date for this; swimming will start from next week, the 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure that the children are at the swimming pool at 8.45am with swimming costume, towel and goggles if required. For the children at breakfast club the same arrangements as last term will continue.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or well-being, please don't hesitate to ask or put a brief note in the link book. The link books are checked daily so please do use them for any short messages or to arrange a meeting if there is something you would like to discuss in detail.

Kind regards,  
Melanie Christie

**An overview of learning in Year 4, Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term 2018**

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| <p align="center"><b>Understanding English,<br/>Communication and languages</b><br/><i>(Speaking &amp; Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)</i></p>   | <p align="center"><b>Mathematical Understanding</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>Religious Education</b></p>   |
| <p>Read Write Perform<br/>- writing in role<br/>- persuasive writing<br/>- performance/delivering a speech<br/>SPAG – continuing to work on spelling, punctuation and grammar.<br/><b>MFL:</b> 'Je me présente' (introducing ourselves, name, age etc)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- number and place value</li> <li>- mental and written methods for four operations</li> <li>- shape</li> <li>- measures</li> <li>- Times tables</li> </ul>   | <p>The children will be learning about the Sikh faith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- symbols</li> <li>- comparing Christian and Sikh ceremonies</li> </ul>  |
| <p align="center"><b>Scientific and Technological Understanding</b><br/><i>(Science, Design &amp; Technology)</i></p>  | <p align="center"><b>Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding</b><br/><i>(PSHE, History, Geography)</i></p>  | <p align="center"><b>Computing</b></p>   |
| <p>(Planned and taught by Miss Forsyth)<br/>Our Science topic for this half term is Animals including humans. We will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- digestion</li> <li>- teeth</li> <li>- food chains</li> </ul>            | <p>History: The Romans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The founding of Rome</li> <li>- The Romans in Britain</li> <li>- The story of St Alban</li> <li>- Lasting impact of the Romans in Britain</li> </ul>  | <p>Computing will follow the Herts Scheme and this half term we will be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accuracy Counts, looking at the importance of accuracy in using the world wide web and in research skills.</li> </ul> |
| <p align="center"><b>Understanding physical Development, health and wellbeing.</b><br/><i>(Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)</i></p>  | <p align="center"><b>Understanding the Arts</b><br/><i>(Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)</i></p>  |  |
| <p>PE/Games will take place every Monday afternoon with Game On. The second PE session for this term will be swimming on a Wednesday morning.</p>  | <p><u>Music:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will be taught by Mrs Archbold and following the Music Express programme with the themes of poetry and the environment.</li> </ul> <p><u>Art and Design &amp; Technology:</u> (planned and taught by Mrs Archbold)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Printing techniques</li> <li>- Roman style mosaic pictures</li> <li>- Roman shields</li> </ul> |  |