

Year 4 Newsletter

Onyx Class teacher: Miss Smith
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Bower and Mrs Rose
Tanzanite Class teacher: Miss Johnson
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wood

Our topic in Term 2 is 'Gladiators'

Topic Work: Year 4 will be carrying on the topic of 'The Romans'. Term 2 will be focussing on 'Gladiators' and their impact on history.

English: The main text that we will be learning about this term is 'The Gladiator Stories'. In addition to this, we will be looking at different genres such as persuasive posters, letters and debates. Within our English lessons, the children will be learning a range of different Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar skills to apply within their independent writing.

Maths: This term, we will be focussing on solving addition and subtraction problems, learning about length and perimeter and beginning to learn about multiplication and division. The children will continue to learn their times tables within class and at home.

Science: This term, our topic is 'Electricity', focussing on electrical components and their effect on the environment.

PSHE / RE: This term, we will be focussing on organisation in PSHE and Christianity in RE.

Art: Recreating artefacts from the gladiators.



Games

Onyx and Tanzanite - Wednesday

This term, we will be working on dance and football. Please ensure that your child wears their P.E kit to school.

Even in the cold weather we will still try to go outside each week.



How can you help at home?

Please support your child with their year 3/4 spelling lists wherever possible.

**Date for Gladiator Homework Project:
Monday 7th December 2020**

Once your child has chosen, and completed their homework, please upload pictures on to [Seesaw](#) so that we can showcase their wonderful creations in the classroom.

Times Table and Division Facts

Times tables and division facts are key areas for building confidence in maths. As a result, by the end of Year 4 all children are expected to know their times tables. Therefore, we will be having weekly times table challenges. Please support your child with learning their times tables up to the 12s and encourage your child to identify the relationships between them. The children all have a PiXL times table app log in that they can use at home to practise their times tables. Thank you for your continued support.

General reminders for Term 2

- ◆ Christmas dinner and Jumper day—16th December 2020
- ◆ Last day of Term 2—Friay 18th December

Reading

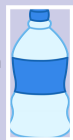
The children engage in many reading activities as part of their English sessions. Through the AR scheme, your child will have a band of books that they may choose from, which should all be suitable for their current reading ability. Your child needs to be secure with what they have read, so they may be encouraged to read their book more than once before completing the quiz. It is important that your child reads daily, we offer reading time in school throughout the day but this needs to be supported at home too. If you have any queries about the system, please contact your child's class teacher.

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school everyday and you have signed their reading record to say that you have listened to them read. Thank you.



Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



Children should come to school everyday wearing the correct uniform, including shoes. Please discuss with us if your child is not wearing the correct uniform or shoes.

Long hair **MUST** be tied up securely every day and be able to stay up all day. Bands will be given if they have not secured their hair. No nail varnish is to be worn.