

# Year 4 Newsletter

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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:** Our main texts this term are 'The Gladiator Stories' followed by 'Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, Young Slave', linking to our topic of 'Gladiators'. 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 problems using the four operations as well as solving measurement problems. The children will continue to learn their times tables within class and at home.

**Science:** This term, our topic is 'Living Things', focussing on classification, identification and grouping living things.

**PSHE / RE:** This term, we will be focussing on the title of 'What can we learn from religions?'

Year 4 will be learning about why Jesus is inspiring to some people.

**Music:** In Music, Year 4 will be learning to play the Ukulele and we will practice a few songs to perform throughout the year! Additionally, we will be preparing for the Christmas Carol Concert.

**Art:** Recreating artefacts from the gladiators.



## Games

### Onyx and Tanzanite - Wednesday

This term, we will be working on dance and netball. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit in school throughout the week.

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. Study Stars club is held twice a week if your child needs support to complete their homework.

Date for Gladiator Homework Project:  
**Monday 9th December 2019**

## 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

**Monday 4th November - Roman Gladiator workshop**

**Monday 16th December - KS2 Christmas Carol Concert**

**Monday 16th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner**

## 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.