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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to get started for the year! This term, our subject focus is going to be history allowing us to learn about all about the Romans, their invasions and settlements. We are hoping to visit the Roman Baths to help us consolidate our learning and understanding so that we can experience first-hand what life would have been like when Britain was first invaded in 55BC! As well as this, we hope to invite you in for a class assembly at the end of term so that can showcase our fabulous learning.

As well as the Romans, we will also be learning about electricity in Science by identifying common appliances, constructing simple circuits and even recognising common conductors and insulators. We are really excited to become confident scientists this term, learning how to experiment with circuits to ensure the current flows. This terms Building Learning Power theme is 'respect'. We encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about what being respectful means to you and to them and how we can show this in our everyday lives.

A few reminders:

- PE kit needs to be in all week (you never know when our teachers will take us out for some fresh air!).
- PE kits this term should contain – PE shorts, a t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, a jumper and some spare socks. We will be using the field for as long as possible so trainers that we can run in are essential.
- Snacks need to be healthy - no biscuits, crisps or chocolate (remember we are a **nut free** school!).
- Drop off opens at 8.30 and closes at 8.40.
- Children are responsible for their own stationary – if items are lost or broken, we will be asking for a small contribution of 20p to help us cover the costs within our small class budgets.
- It is imperative that children should read every night. Did you know that if you read one book a day to your child, by the time they are five they will have accessed over 1825 books? Think of all of that rich vocabulary the children will be able to use!

Home learning

- Monday – handwriting (practising spellings) and reading (Bug Club)
- Tuesday – reading (Bug Club)
- Wednesday – handwriting books are due back in and times table homework sent home
- Thursday – reading (Bug Club)
- Friday – SPaG homework and reading (Bug Club or any book!) reading comprehension due back in.





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Spellings for the whole term will be given out on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. These will be stuck into the children's handwriting books, please practise the spelling words in this book as it will encourage them to learn how to spell the word but also to memorise the pattern of the letters. We will also send out an A4 copy of our spellings with the test dates on. The spellings being sent home are what is directed in the national curriculum for all children to know how to spell confidently and competently by the end of Year 4. On average, around 70% of the words from the Year 6 spelling test come from this list!

We will start beginning to prepare the children for the times table test in June. This will be the first time a cohort of Year 4 children sit this multiplication test across the country. All Year 4 children will sit this test on an iPad or computer as it is an online assessment. The test will only take 5 minutes in total; however the children will only have 6 seconds to answer each question. The questions are randomly selected out of 121 options ranging from 2 x 2 all way up to 12 x 12! We encourage you to support your child(ren) with this from September.

#### PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) and subject leadership time:

All teachers are allocated PPA time (10% of their taught teaching time). This is the time where the class teachers can prepare for the following weeks teaching, assess the children and analyse the data to enable precision teaching and prepare resources. Some of our teachers are also subject leaders and they are also entitled to non-contact release time in order to monitor and evaluate the schools progress within their subject. We are very lucky to have NQTs (Newly Qualified Teachers). They are entitled to their 10% PPA time as well as an additional 10% non-contact release time. Release time is as follows:

Miss Clowes covered by Ms House - PPA Friday morning and NQT time Wednesday afternoon  
Miss Jenkins covered by Mrs Moore – PPA and English Leadership – All day Wednesday

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting term,

Miss Clowes and Miss Jenkins

