



Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1 2022

Our Christian Value this half term is 'Forgiveness'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas!

Topic – Our topic this half term is '**Who were the Romans and what have we learnt from them?**'. This topic will be History led.

RE – Our key question is '**What commitments do people make in life?**'

Art – **Every picture tells a story** – Looking at pieces of art by famous artists.

Celebrations – in our classes we now have a **Recognition Board**. Each day we choose a quality that we want to look for in the children. These qualities often reflect our class rules of **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. They might be things like 'supporting other children learning' or 'showing kindness'. Every time an adult sees a child showing the chosen quality during the day they write their name on the Recognition Board. Each week one child who always goes above and beyond with their behaviour, someone who always follows our class rules, will be chosen to attend **Hot Chocolate Friday** with the Senior Leaders. Additionally, we will also acknowledge excellent work, effort or attitude through certificates which will be handed out to children on a Friday in weekly celebration worship. Children may also receive a note or phone call home to inform you of their successes in class.

Homework - will be allocated each Friday and is to be returned by the following Wednesday. This term there will be a focus on maths activities and they will be linked to the work we have been doing in class.

Timetables – This year Y4 will be doing a timetable check. Therefore, it is important that the children using TTRS to practise as much as possible at home. By Christmas, we will have looked at all the timetables up to x12 and after that will be doing lots of practise and consolidation activities to prepare the children for the check. If you need your child's log in details again, please let me know.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

Spellings – sent out each Friday.

Attendance – Attendance and punctuality are very important to us and to the children too. It is essential that children are **at school on time** every day. Children should arrive by 8:55am ready to start their learning. Anyone arriving after the gate is closed should go to the main office to sign in. Please remember to let us know if someone different will be picking your child up from school.

School Shoes – please remember that school shoes need to be black.



PE – Swimming will continue on each Wednesday.

Please ensure your child has everything they need: costume or trunks, towel and goggles if they have them.

Y4 will now also have an additional PE session with Mr Kerr on Monday afternoons.

Therefore, children can come to school in their PE kits on Mondays.

Reading at Home – Books will be collected on Friday and children will be allocated new reading books on Mondays.

We will endeavour to read with the children as much as possible however, it may not always be possible to read 1:1 with them each week.

Any reading practise completed at home should be recorded in their reading records.

If your child is reading independently, they can record their own reading and can also record any books they are reading that are not school books.

Thank you for your continued support,

Quartz Class Team