

St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 4 - January 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely holiday – we are all ready to start our exciting term.

Topics for this term:

This term in **English** we will be reading Firebird by Saviour Pirotta. The children will be writing their own Firebird stories with a focus on developing an exciting plot.

We will also be looking at report writing and the children will be writing Newspaper Articles.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on using a range of methods to multiply and divide. They will also be revising their place value knowledge and developing their understanding of fractions further.

Our **Topic** for this term is the Romans. We will be studying Roman settlements and invasions, the Roman timeline and what it would have been like to live in Roman times. The children will also have the opportunity to create Roman inspired mosaics and learn some Roman Numerals. The children have requested a 'Roman Day'! Consequently, on the **13th February**, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a Roman and we will have a Roman themed day.

In **Science** the children will be exploring materials to find out about states of matter.

The children will also be learning about:

Computing– Programming

RE – Incarnation. What is the Trinity?

Jigsaw – Dreams and Goals

PE – Swimming and Dance

PE KITS & Swimming

Please could the children have their **named** PE kits in school at all times. They should have both an indoor and outdoor kit and sensible trainers. The PE Kit should consist of white top and black shorts/trousers. **Swimming** will continue every week, alternating between Wednesday and Monday. Swimming this term starts on **Wednesday 9th January**. Please ensure swimming kits are in school on this day. Children may bring a snack to have after swimming.

Homework:

Homework will continue in the same format this term. Our expectation is that the children will read at least 4 times a week, learn the spellings that are set and practise their tables on TT Rock Stars. A new Reading Incentive Scheme is launching this term so watch this space!

Important Dates:

11 th Jan	Open Morning for new parents
30 th Jan	Year 3 & 4 PTA Cake Sale
31 st Jan	Faith Day
13 th Feb	Roman Day
15 th Feb	Last day of term
25 th Feb	Term 4 begins
7 th March	World Book Day
11 th March	Reading Workshops for parents 3.30pm & 5.00pm
19 th March	Parent Consultation Evening
21 st March	Parent Consultation Evening
22 nd March	Red Nose Day
29 th March	PTA Family Disco
2 nd April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
4 th April	Year 3 & 4 Easter Service
5 th April	Pre-school Easter egg hunt
5 th April	Last Day of Term

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please come in and see us.

Mrs Peachey and Miss Paine