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# St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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## Year 4 Newsletter - September 2019

Welcome back! The children have returned from a lovely summer and are refreshed and eager to learn. They have settled really well into Year 4 and are looking forward to the exciting yet busy year ahead.

### Topics for this term:

This term, in **English**, the children will be developing their written setting descriptions. We will do this by using a narrative called 'Varjak Paw'. During this unit, the children will make comparisons between other high quality texts and will begin to mature their vocabulary and grammar choices. We will continue our theme of adventure to inspire our own newspaper articles too.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: place value, addition and subtraction and beginning to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills with numbers up to 10,000. The children will be practising their multiplication tables daily and will be tested weekly (every Friday) as by the end of Year 4, the curriculum states that all children should know their times tables up to 12x12.

In **History**, Year 4 will be learning about 'The Ancient Romans'. They will spend time studying the growth of the Roman Empire, why and how they invaded Britain, how the Romans and their inventions affected others, what their religious beliefs were, how the Romans lived and what art techniques were celebrated. The children are always welcome to bring in any home learning or extra research they carry out.

In **Computing**, the children will be learning to how to stay safe online. They will be learning how to safely search online, how to deal with and respond to cyber bullying and how to become responsible digital citizens

### P.E kit:

The children have PE on Wednesday this term. Please could they have the appropriate kit in school at all times. PE kit should consist of white top, black shorts/trousers and trainers.

The children will take part in swimming lessons while in Year 4. A separate letter will be sent out once details are finalised with our swimming provider.

### Homework:

Homework in Year 4 will be set on a Friday and will be monitored every Thursday. Spelling tests (every Thursday) and multiplication tests (every Friday) will be carried out each week.

### Reading:

Most of your child's reading in school will be through whole class reading, so **it is really important to listen to your child read at home** as often as possible, aiming for around four times a week for 10 minutes. Reading records will be collected every Thursday to ensure children are reading regularly, changing their books frequently and noting this in their journals. They are able to independently change their reading books when needed.





★ **Volunteers:**

★ We are always very grateful in school for  
★ volunteers. If anyone would like to hear  
★ readers, then please let us know. Your help  
★ will be very much appreciated!

★ **Dates to remember:**

- ★ • WB 30th September - REVIVE  
Week
- ★ • 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Enrichment morning
- ★ • 10th October- Harvest Festival at  
Church
- ★ • 23rd October - Parent consultations
- ★ • 24th October - Parent consultations
- ★ • 25th October - Last day of term
- ★ • 4th November - INSET day
- ★ • 5th November - Start of Term 2

★ It's really good to see the children working  
★ hard, trying their best and enjoying their  
★ start to Year 4. If you have any queries,  
★ please drop in to see me. I look forward to  
★ seeing you in October at the Parent  
★ Consultations.

★ Mrs Waller

