



Spring Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful winter holiday. The children have settled back in very well so far - let's just hope it is not going to rain for the entire term!

This term is our long-awaited trip to York, where we will be visiting lots of exciting locations including the National Railway Museum, York Castle Museum, York Chocolate Story, Jorvik Dig and York Minster. We have been busy putting all the final touches to what will be an awesome trip. Expect final reminders, checklists and letters to be with you soon. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

New Year Resolution

As a team, we've set ourselves some great New Year's Resolutions:

Mrs Golledge: To re-teach myself to play the piano.

Mr Greenwood: To read more before bedtime.

Mrs Sorrell: To make some new and exciting recipes!

Miss Thorpe: To do more exercise.

Mr Rowe: To cook for myself at least once every week.

Mrs Dorrington: To see as many Leeds United games as I can.

Mr Tailor: Remember to be kind to myself.

Ms Semple: To run a half marathon.



Key Reminders

Please support your child to read at home **at least 4 times a week** and record this in their personal organiser, which will be checked by class teachers, on a weekly basis. This year, we expect children to practise their times tables on TTRS, **for 40 minutes a week** (login details will be provided by class teachers). This will also be monitored and celebrated by class teachers. Children must also practise spellings and reading fluency every week.

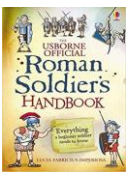


Remember, PE kit must be worn on the days of both PE sessions. There is no need to bring any change of clothes, they will arrive and leave in their PE kit. Please look on Class Dojo for further information. Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled and remind children to bring a water bottle every day that is also labelled. As we venture into the colder months of the year, please ensure your child has a coat to wear during playtimes!

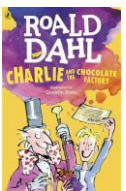
Key Dates

- 9th January – Maths Day
- 23rd January – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
- 29th January – Come & Read @ 3:10pm
- 2nd & 3rd February – Sports Leaders at The Fernwood School
- 10th February – Internet Safety Day
- 13th February – Faith & Culture Day
- 23rd February – INSET Day
- 2nd – 4th March – Acer & Lime – York Residential
- 5th March – World Book Day
- 9th – 11th March – Fern, Palm & Pine – York Residential
- 17th & 18th March – Parents' Evening
- 27th March – Explorer Day

Books We Are Reading This Term



Roman Soldiers Handbook: The essential survival guide for novice soldiers about how to stay alive in the Roman Army. Reveals all the gruesome truths of life in the Roman army, including what soldiers ate, what they wore and how they lived.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: Charlie Bucket's life is about to change forever, thanks to one miraculous moment! Willy Wonka, chocolate maker extraordinaire, has hidden five golden tickets in five ordinary bars of chocolate. Any child who finds one will get the chance to visit his incredible factory. Charlie has found one . . . But so have 4 others!



PE Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indoor	Acer & Fern	Lime & Pine		Palm	
Outdoor		Acer, Fern & Palm	Lime & Pine		

Curriculum Learning This Term

English - This half term, we will be writing an instructional text on 'How to be a Roman soldier' and also writing for different genres based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Maths - We will be covering multiplication and division, fractions and decimals.

History/Geography - In History, we will be revisiting and finishing off our Romans topic. In Geography, we will be learning about York to coincide with our residential visit.


Science - In Science, we will be learning about the digestive system and then we will be learning about electricity and circuits. This will link nicely to our DT project.

RE/PD - In RE, we will be learning about pilgrimages in different religions and making our own pilgrimage. Also, we will be exploring Christian beliefs and music in different religions. In PD, we will learn about nutrition and sleep and keeping safe by learning basic first aid.

Music/MFL - In Music, we will be continuing with our Strings lessons. In French, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves.

Computing - We will be studying digital images and photo manipulation. We will also be using a data logger to record information.

Art/DT - In Art, we will be creating collages based on still life. In DT, we will be making our own torches so that we can enjoy reading at home.

 Enjoy a happy and learning-filled spring term! 