

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

January 2022

General Information

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful break over Christmas and new year. Year 4 have hit the ground running and are back in full swing! We're really proud of how well children have settled back into the routine, as well as how smart everyone is looking.

Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mr Cooper, Mrs Scothern and Mr Prideaux.

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley, Ms Jones and Mrs Epton

What are we learning?

Our history theme this term is **the Roman Invasion of Britain**, where we will be answering some key questions such as:

- When and why did the Romans invade Britain?
- Did native Britons resist or welcome the Romans?
- What did the Romans do for us?

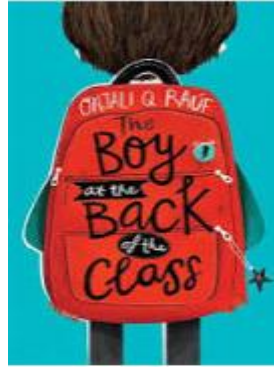


In Geography, we will be exploring the water cycle, coastlines and how they impact life on earth. We will also be comparing between coastal towns and Netherfield.

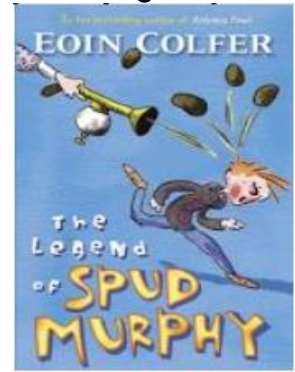


After February half-term, Class 8 will start swimming lessons whilst Mr Beet will be teaching Class 7 PE (fitness). Our PE day will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced) and children have suitably warm clothing as they will be outside.

What are we reading?



The Boy at the Back of the Class .
Onjali Q. Raúf



The Legend of Spud Murphy
Eoin Colfer

English

In English this half term, we are looking at how anger is conveyed in literature and in particular, poetry. We are then using *The Boy at the Back of The Class* as a writing stimulus for the rest of the term. This story is about the arrival of Ahmet, a nine-year old boy who has fled Syria as a refugee and starts at a new school in England. We will also be looking at the story of Boudicca, creating our own play-scripts and radio broadcasts to help re-tell the story.

Science

This term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats as well as classification and food chains. We will also have opportunities to investigate various living things and create fact files to showcase everything we have learnt.

Times Tables

Times tables knowledge continues to be very important for our Year 4 children. We have recently been learning our 6, 7 and 9 times tables so we would love it if this continues at home using the TT RockStars app. We have seen great improvement from children who practise daily. Children also have access to Numbots on the same app which supports with number bond fluency.

Homework

Homework is still provided weekly for spellings, English and maths every Friday and should be returned by the following Friday. Returned homework will be logged and kept in a folder with points awarded for those who are consistent with completing it.

Feb 8th – Safer Internet Day