



# YOUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 4

Welcome to Year 4. We hope that you have had a restful summer holiday and we are now looking forward to another wonderful year working together. We hope that this newsletter will help to keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share further information with you, we will use Study Bugs. So please make sure you download the app! If this is not possible, please ensure we have an up to date email.

Something to keep in mind this year is the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term. Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables with quick recall by the end of year.



**English:** We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as *Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson, *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and *Winter's Child* by Angela McAllister. We will read and perform nonsense poems by Spike Milligan and Edward Lear and study texts about Boudicca and Romulus and Remus that link to our thematic topic 'When in Rome'. These texts will inspire the children and enable them to write stories, speeches, letters and diaries. They will be practising and developing their writing skills including the use of descriptive language, varying sentence openers and punctuation including inverted commas for speech. We will also be focusing on spelling and building on learning from Year 3 to further our understanding of spelling and phonics. In line with the school handwriting policy (<http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/curriculum/writing-and-handwriting/handwriting>), we will be teaching weekly handwriting lessons with the aim of all students developing a joined and fluent style.



**Maths:** In maths this term, our focus will be on time initially, with children practising to tell the time to the nearest minute. Then we will study place value. This will involve recognising the place value of numbers with up to 4-digits, ordering them and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will also learn about negative numbers and how to use Roman Numerals up to 100. We will develop our understanding of column methods for addition and subtraction and learn about length and perimeter. Videos to support methods taught in class can be found on the school website <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/curriculum/mathematics/calculation-videos>. For each unit we cover, we will help the children apply their new maths learning to investigations and mathematical problems, developing a deep understanding of these skills. We will use talk partners and collaborative tasks to develop children's understanding of mathematical vocabulary and to encourage them to verbalise their thinking. By the end of year 4, children need to recall all the times-table facts up to 12x12. To support this at home, children can access Times Tables Rockstars and also Purple Mash which are online resources

**Science:** Our science topics are States of Matter and Electricity. In States of Matter, we will study the differences between solids, liquids and gases, investigate the different states of water and learn about the water cycle. In our topic on Electricity, we will find out all about circuits, switches, conduction and the many uses of electricity. We will also attempt to make our own circuits linked to our reading of The Barnabus Project.

**Thematic:** This term our theme is: When in Rome. In history, we will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain, Boudicca and the Celts. We will discover how Roman inventions and innovations are still in use today. In geography, we will learn how the Roman Empire spread, about Roman society and will compare Celtic Britain to Rome. In art, children will design a Roman shield and study mosaics. In DT, we will create replica Roman purses. A place of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child is Richborough Roman Fort in Kent. You could also check out what London has to offer in terms of Roman history using this website:  
<https://www.mummytravels.com/best-roman-sites-in-london/>



#### **Trips and events:**



This term, we will have the opportunity to take part in an amazing workshop all about the Romans. A fabulous travelling workshop company will be coming into school to provide us with a fun-packed day full of Roman facts, drama and artefacts. Children are allowed to come to school dressed as a Roman and we encourage them to make/source their costumes from items at home.



Dates to be confirmed.



**What you can do to help:** Please make sure that your child reads every night and could you kindly sign their reading diary at the end of the week. Regular reading is proven to improve children's learning. Ask them questions about what they've read. Ask them what they think the words mean or what the character might be thinking or feeling. Every night is reading night! Lists of spelling words for each year group are available and children are expected to know these by the end of the year. Times-tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division fact. As previously mentioned, by the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables to 12 x 12. All children have a multiplication grid in their reading diary and should be familiar with how to use this. They also have logins and access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework and children are expected to earn 1000 points (a bronze certificate) each week but are welcome to earn more! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills and fluency.

Many thanks for your support.

Children must wear their P.E. kit on their allocated PE days - black tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a white t-shirt, and trainers. We will be outside as frequently as possible for some of these sessions, so they can also wear their school jumper. Many thanks for your support.

Don't forget to check the website at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

PE Days	Camargue: Mon, Tue and Thursday Connemara: Monday and Thursday Morgan: Monday and Thursday Sycamore: Monday and Thursday
Welcome to Year 4 Parent Meeting (incl. MTC info)	WHJUN: Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September @3.30pm BRIG: Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September @3.30pm
Roman Workshop	WHJUN: Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October BRIG: TBC
Class Assemblies	Camargue: Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October @11:00am
Forest School	Morgan: Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct Camargue: Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> November and 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Connemara Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> January and 2 <sup>rd</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025  Return to school- Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025