



Welcome to the Spring Term from Mrs Miller, Miss Lloyd and Mrs Bramall!



We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and that you are ready to start 2019!

We're looking forward to hearing about what you got up to over the holidays and how you have spent your time together. We have another exciting term planned and this starts with a fantastic trip to kick start our new topic!

New term - New topic!

Our topic this term is the 'Revolt of the Romans'. Our topic will start with a fantastic trip to Chester to the Grosvenor museum where we will be dressed as Romans and marched to the amphitheatre for formation training. We will learn about a day in the life of a Roman soldier and learn what it was like living in 753BC.

We will continue our topic by investigating how the Romans lived and what food they ate. We will be writing diaries, battle speeches and non-chronological reports. We will celebrate our learning with you in our Year 4 show - more details will be sent out nearer the time.

Sherwood

This term Year 4 will be going on a residential trip to Sherwood (8th-10th April). A meeting will be held soon to discuss the arrangements for this.

Times Tables Rockstars

We have been really pleased with the progress that all children have made so far with their times tables. We will continue to use the app to practice times tables. Children should be using the 'studio' section of the website/app to set their speed. They need to do this regularly. Children will have tables set for them depending on ability.

Homework

Regular homework that is expected for Year 4 is reading (at least 4 times per week), Times Table Rockstars and weekly spellings. On some occasions there may be additional homework linked to topic or maths. Homework diaries continue to be needed in school every day. They should be signed by parents/carers each week and these will be checked on a Monday. Children need to be recording the work that they have carried out at home in their diaries as a record of what they have done at home.

Blog

We regularly put things on the blog but would love more responses from children and parents! Please encourage your children to go on and comment on our page. It is a fantastic tool for celebrating the successes children have in school but also as an anchor for home learning. There are some new sections on the website and it has links to home learning too. It is great to see children learning at school but it is a massive achievement if children come home and share their learning with you and this is what is so good to see on the blog.

Year 4 email address year4@hoylandcommonprimary.co.uk

The email address is still in use for parents to send in videos, iMovies etc. linked to our topics that have been created at home and cannot be uploaded onto the blog. **Please understand this is not a primary point of contact with the class teacher as it will only be checked in school time.**

General Reminders...

- PE kit needs to be in school EVERY DAY. Please ensure your child has clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). It is easier for them to bring it on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. They need to be in school for Special Assembly on Friday when we sit in our house colours. Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. **Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!**
- Children need to line up in the playground in the morning when the bell goes. Staff will be outside for a short time to answer any questions should you have any. **The School day starts at 8.50.** Please ensure your child is here by this time to avoid getting late marks.