

Key dates for Summer 2022

Tuesday 19th April - School opens - Summer Term 1
Monday 2nd May - MAY DAY SPRING BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
Thursday 12th May - Chester Romans Trip - Year 4
Monday 16th May - Friday 20th May - National Fieldwork Week (whole school)
Thursday 19th May - Outdoor Classroom Day (whole school)
Friday 27th May - Jubilee Celebration Day (whole school)
Friday 27th May - School closes for Whit Holiday at 3.15pm

WHIT HOLIDAYS

Monday 13th June - School opens - Summer Term 2
Wednesday 15th June - SPORTS DAY
Thursday 23rd June - Meet your new Year Group
Monday 27th June - Meet your new Year Group
Thursday 7th July - Meet your new Year Group
Wednesday 13th July - Open Evening—to be confirmed
Tuesday 26th July - School close for Summer Holidays at 2.30pm

3 Key Curriculum Principles

Through challenging activities we aim to deepen their understanding of the Year 4 curriculum skills by:

- Building on their subject knowledge ~ **Know**
- Allow children to record their understanding in different ways ~ **Explore**
- Share their understanding with others ~ **Communicate**

We are involving the children in live planning boards to allow them to take a lead in the ways in which they present their work. This will be the second time we have used Knowledge Organisers for children to reflect on the learning that has taken place.

Our KS2 Library

We are encouraging children to become more independent readers. We have a wide selection of new books of different genres, including multicultural, dyslexia friendly, picture books for older readers. We have a class slot for the opportunity to visit the library during a playtime session. All books are signed out by librarians for up to three weeks. Children must respect and look after our books. If books are returned in an unfit condition then there will be a £5 replacement fee.

Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter



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Topic

Our topic this term is: *What have the Romans done for us?* We will be looking at timelines, daily life, religion, the invasion of Britain, the Roman army and the legacy of the Romans: city planning, Romanesque architectural style, cultural distinctions (ethnicity), Roman engineering (aqueducts, sewage systems, dams, cement, and arches).

To enrich our topic, we have an exciting trip planned for 12th May, when we will visit Chester. A separate letter containing all the information you will need is on its way.

English

Here are some of the exciting genres and texts we will cover in our English lessons this term:

- play script based on *Vesuvius Poovious* (always great fun!)
- non-chronological report- Daily life in Ancient Rome
- two leaflets - The Roman Army Needs You! / Etchells Primary School
- two explanation texts- Roman Bath Houses / Roman gods

We will continue to follow the same school-based approach to the teaching of spellings, so these will not come home. Please focus instead on reading and times tables.

Maths

Rapid and accurate multiplication recall is a big part of our maths. Please continue to practise at home every day. This is really important because we have to take part in the national multiplication check in June, where children will have six seconds to read each question, work out the answer and type it in. Speed is the name of the game!



Puberty

We will deliver the talk at the beginning of this term, to the Year 4 boys and girls separately. You will be informed in advance before the session. Should you wish to look at the resources used in school beforehand, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Homework

Topic - The children will be given a choice from both creative and written tasks. They need to complete one challenge from each (a minimum of two challenges) by **week beginning 23rd May** for Summer 1 and **week beginning 18th July** for Summer 2. Please continue to send homework via Dojo wherever possible.

Reading - Your child will continue to be given an individual reading book; please ensure that you sign in the reading diary each time you read with your child at home. Dojos are awarded for good use of the reading diary! In addition, all children have the chance to visit school's fabulous KS2 library every week to select a book to read for the sheer enjoyment of it.

Swimming - Year 4 are lucky enough to get to continue our swimming lessons throughout summer term! This will still be each Tuesday morning. Please continue to send your child into school on Tuesdays wearing their swimming gear under their uniforms, with a towel (and underwear!) in their swimming bag.

Naming Clothing - Particularly in the summer term, when children often shed their jumpers/cardigans/jackets as they play outside, we face a huge problem with lost property! Please ensure that each and every item of your child's uniform and PE kits are clearly named so that lost items can be easily sent back to their owners.

Snacks and Drinks

The children should bring a named water bottle into school every day; this is particularly important in the summer months. Additionally, a healthy snack for playtime is encouraged. Please ensure that, even if your child has school dinners, they have a snack each Tuesday as we have lots of hungry children after swimming each week!



PE

Children need to remember to come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kits on their **Fridays**. Please be reminded that PE kit comprises of black shorts / leggings, a white t-shirt, their regular school jumper / cardigan, and trainers.

