



SAINT JOHN'S

April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting and busy term.

Our key question for this term is 'What did the Romans do for us?' and the curriculum areas we will focus on are included overleaf.

At the end of this term, we will have a **Roman Day** on **Thursday 21st May** when children will have the opportunity to dress up as Romans and take part in a variety of activities to enrich their learning. Although dressing-up is optional, we would love as many children as possible to take part.

PE

PE sessions are on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. This consists of trainers/pumps, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper and a house PE shirt. New PE t-shirts can be purchased from the school office and cost £2. Earrings should be removed or taped on PE days for safety reasons.

Essentials

Children should bring a water bottle and waterproof coat to school with them every day. They will also need a bookbag or sturdy zip wallet as this helps when letters are sent home and also keeps the children's belongings together and easily accessible. Backpacks are kept in the cloakroom to ensure the classroom remains clear and safe from obstructions.

Homework

Every Monday, children will receive a sticker in their reading record with their weekly homework activities. These will include 15 minutes on TTRockstars to practise their times tables (www.ttrockstars.com), reading and a maths or English activity. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday but may be handed in earlier if completed. A weekly list of spellings will be given to each pupil to learn. Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Children have access to EdShed (www.edshed.com) which provides interactive games to support the learning of weekly spellings.

Login details for both TTRockstars and EdShed can be found at the back of your child's reading record. For those children without internet access at home, there is the option to complete their TTRockstars in one of their lunch times. Please ensure reading records are brought in daily so children have access to their login details.

The children are continuing to make excellent progress with their recall of times tables. It is important that we keep this momentum going into these last few weeks before the Multiplication Tables Check in June.

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Reading

As a school, we encourage children to read at least twice a week as a bare minimum. I know many children in class exceed this on a weekly basis – well done! Daily reading will not only allow them to develop their reading skills to access all areas of the curriculum but also helps to expand their vocabulary, improve writing skills and develop their concentration, not to mention the benefits for their mental wellbeing.

Class Dojo

We are continuing to use Dojo as a method of communication. Dojo messages will be checked every morning before 9am. Please make sure that any urgent/important messages go through the office. This is especially important if there is a change in pick-up arrangements for the end of the day. We will use Class Dojo to send messages that are specific to Year 4 but please make sure you read the school newsletter and whole school dojo for upcoming school events of which you should be aware.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing your child continue to flourish this term!

Miss Sanders (Teacher) and Miss Randall (Teaching Assistant)

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