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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter outlines the curriculum for Years 3 and 4 for the Autumn Term. We are keen to share with you what we are learning in school in order for you to support your child/ren at home.

Teaching arrangements in Years 3 & 4 are as follows:

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
Mrs Jessop & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Jessop & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Jessop/ Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Comer & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby	Mrs Lilley & Mrs Crosby



In **Maths** this term we will be studying the following units: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Statistics, Measurement, Geometry: Properties of Shape, Geometry: Position and Direction as well as developing our mental maths skills and our problem-solving skills.

In addition we will be focusing upon the rapid recall of multiplication facts and the corresponding division fact.

In **English** this term we will be studying the following units: Recounts, Humorous Poetry and Stories about Roman life. During the second half of the Autumn term we will be writing a Non-chronological Report and looking at the work of David Walliams.

In **R.E.** this half-term, our topic is '*Belonging: Hinduism Teaching about God*'. During this unit of work, we shall learn about what Hindus teach their children about God. After half-term, we shall be learning about how Advent and Christmas are celebrated around the world.

In our **Science** lessons, our topic is 'Forces and Magnets' where the children will learn that forces are pushes and pulls which can make things move, stop or change shape. We will also be setting up and conducting comparative fair tests, then learning to record measurements taken and discuss the results.

Our **Computing** lessons this term will be focused on researching and collating information to create our own blogs. Within this unit of work, we will use lessons to discuss the importance of e-Safety, ensuring that children know how to stay safe online and who to talk to if they have concerns.



In **History** this term our topic is the **Romans**. We will be learning about how they lived, worshipped and fought. We are planning to have a Roman day later on in the term!

In **Art** this term we will be developing our drawing skills. We will be learning about perspective and looking at the work of Vermeer in particular. After half term the children will have opportunity to create a mosaic, linking in with their topic on the Romans.



In **Music** this term, children will be learning how to improve our singing. These lessons will be delivered by Miss Vineyard from the Hertfordshire Wider Opportunities Music Scheme.

During our **P.E.** and **Games** lessons we will be learning the skills needed for playing football and tag rugby. We will also be learning about dance and gymnastics.

In **PSHE** this term, our unit is entitled 'Developing Confidence & Responsibility'. Within this unit we shall be discussing strategies of how we can become more confident and the various roles and responsibilities the children can develop.

Homework will be set on a Wednesday ready to be handed back into school on Monday. Homework will consist of one written piece of homework linking to work children have done in class, as well as a spelling list to complete and a MyMaths focus. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's homework please feel free to leave a comment in their homework book or come and see us. We really appreciate your input and support.

Finally, we will be hosting a brief meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 3:00pm in our classroom to discuss the year ahead. In the mean-time, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries about the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jessop and Mrs Lilley
Year 3 & 4 Class-teachers