

**RE** - Local church and Community – In this topic, children will explore the experiences of community and how it is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. We will learn about various roles

**Maths** - Children will continue to consolidate their understanding of place value and using this to compare and order numbers. We will be learning about Roman numerals to link with our History topic. We will continue to practise formal addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. Children should continue to practise their times tables and quick addition/subtraction

**English** - 'Into the Forest' is the first book we will be studying for the first few weeks, focusing on narrative story telling. Then we will be studying 'Escape from Pompeii' that is set in Ancient Rome to help us learn more about our History topic

**PHSCE – SEAL  
Going for goals**

Children will discuss what goals we want to set ourselves and how we will work to

**PE** – takes place on a Thursday and children must bring in full PE kit.

**Games activities with Mr Michael**

**Swimming** – Children will swim every Friday, a reminder that every child needs a swimming hat, towel and plain navy/black swimming costumes.

**MFL** - Children will begin learning Mandarin every Tuesday with a specialist teacher.

Short follow up activities will be completed during the week (e.g. in Register time) so children have a chance to consolidate their learning.

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**ICT**

Understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices.

Children will create a game on Scratch.



Trips and out of school learning opportunities will take place during the term, and you will be made aware of these as they become relevant.

**Art/DT**

Use of paints – Focus: water colour versus oil.

Children will learn how to use watercolours, consolidate mixing techniques.

**Music**

Children will continue to work with a specialist music teacher every Wednesday.

Some children will be learning recorder

**SCIENCE**

States of Matter – children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. They will explore how these states behave and how materials can



**History**

We will be looking at the Roman Empire, the invasions that took place and the impact on Britain.

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**Newsletter**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school this New Year. We have got straight back into learning and it is great to see all the children enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Guided reading books will be changed more regularly now we are out of the Christmas preparations and your child should bring home a Guided Reading book and their reading diary daily for you to sign to show that they are being read with.

PE will take place on Thursdays and Swimming every Friday. Your child should bring a complete PE kit. The kit comprises of a white PE shirt, black plimsolls, black shorts or leggings. **Please put your child's name on the PE Kit and also their uniform, especially when you buy any new items, this makes it much easier for lost items to be returned to their owners.**

**Homework will be given out at the end of the week and should be returned on Monday.** Any homework given out on sheets must be completed inside the homework exercise books, unless children are told otherwise.

Your child will now also receive spelling homework. This is also to be completed inside their homework books, it can be used as revision before the Friday spelling test or over the weekend to consolidate these spellings; whichever works best for your child, so long as it is completed by Monday.

Attached is a curriculum map for this term and it is always great if you can get your child to discuss what they have been working on in class as this helps them consolidate their learning!

If you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to come and talk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hatcher and the Year 4 Class Team