



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Year 4 – Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we hope you all enjoyed a break. We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and look forward to another exciting and fun filled term.

Learning Challenge

Our Learning Challenge this half-term is entitled 'I came, I saw, I conquered! Veni, Vidi, Vici!' The children will be learning about life as a Roman and why the Romans came to Britain, exploring the arrival of the Roman Legions and their dramatic change in the lifestyle of the lowliest citizens. Later in the term, we will be Romans again for a Roman Day.

"The most important attitude that can be found is the desire to go on learning".

- John Dewey

Uniform

The children have come back looking very smart in their school uniform. As the weather is still cold and sometimes wet, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat. Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost property. We are very much encouraging the children to remember their belongings, so if you could remind them of this too, that would be great.

Homework

We are encouraging children to be more responsible and remember to complete their homework. Homework is still **due on a Monday**. Please may we also remind you that as part of their homework, children are expected to read at least **three times per week** and bring in a signed record of this in their reading diaries. They also should practise their **times tables** on the Times table Rockstars program.

PE

This half-term, the children will continue to have **PE on a Monday afternoon**. The focus for these sessions will be cricket and multiskills. If a child does not wear the correct PE kit to school, they may not be able to do PE, so please ensure they come in PE kit on a **Monday**.

Yours sincerely

Miss Frost and Mr Blucher

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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 4	Term - Spring 2 2025
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	World Book Day – Thursday 6 th March LEGOLAND – Monday 31 st March Roman Day – TBC
English	Writing Escape from Pompeii Hampshire Information Book Awards. Guided Reading Hampshire Information Book awards – look at a variety of different books across a range of themes. This is also part of our writing units. Non fiction – Romans Escape from Pompeii
Mathematics	Multiplication and division – 12 x 12 Equivalent fractions Addition and Subtraction with Statistics including word problems Measurement – volume and capacity including word problems
Science	Teeth and digestion. WALT: (Y3recap) identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. WALT: Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions WALT: Carry out a fair experiment and investigate how different liquids affect our teeth. WALT: Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans WALT: Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey
Design Technology	DT: Research and plan an authentic healthy meal . WALT: research and plan an authentic healthy meal. WALT: Use a variety of food preparation skills. WALT: Use basic hygiene WALT: Evaluate a final product
History	WALT: Understand why the Romans invaded Britain WALT: Understand why the Roman Army was so successful. WALT: Evaluate the reliability of sources and decisions made in history. WALT: Understand what society was like in Ancient Rome. WALT: Understand the lasting impact the Romans had on Britain.
Physical Education	Cricket & Mulitskills – Throwing and Catching WALT: Throw a cricket ball with correct technique WALT: Catch a cricket ball WALT: Stand correctly as a batsman and strike the ball WALT: Bounce a ball with control WALT: Play a simple cricket match
PSHE – My Happy Mind	Appreciate WALT: Understand what appreciation means and the 3 categories of gratitude. WALT: Understand why gratitude is important.

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	<p>WALT: Create a habit of giving gratitude</p> <p>WALT: Develop an Attitude of Gratitude.</p> <p>WALT: Understand how it feels to give and receive gratitude.</p> <p>WALT: Understand what the Gratitude Domino Effect is.</p> <p>WALT: Know which hormone gets released when we give or receive gratitude.</p> <p>WALT: Understand how gratitude can help us face problems.</p> <p>WALT: Know how to appreciate ourselves.</p> <p>WALT: Understand how our Character Strengths can help us to appreciate ourselves.</p>
Music	<p>Samba Drumming</p> <p>WALT: Respond to, identify, compare and contrast sounds.</p> <p>WALT: Identify development of musical ideas</p> <p>WALT: Develop fluency when using instrumental skills and techniques and play with accuracy and increased musicality</p> <p>WALT: Recognise which improvements need to be made and use individual and group rehearsal skills</p>
Religious Education	<p>Christianity. The Cross as a Christian Symbol</p> <p>WALT: Accurately describe what a symbol is</p> <p>WALT: Accurately describe why different crosses have different meaning.</p> <p>WALT: Discern and describe the value of a symbol to Christians and the possible value for ourselves and others</p> <p>WALT: Describe a personal response to the concept of a symbol.</p> <p>WALT: Recognise and describe how the concept can be applied in our own and others' lives.</p>
Languages - Spanish	<p>Romans</p> <p>WALT: Tell somebody in Spanish the key facts and key people involved in the history of the Roman Empire.</p> <p>WALT: Say the days of the week in Spanish and learn how these are related to the Roman gods and goddesses.</p> <p>WALT: Tell somebody in Spanish what the most famous Roman inventions were.</p> <p>WALT: Learn what life was like for a rich and a poor child in Roman times.</p>
Computing	<p>Scratch coding – quiz</p> <p>WALT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals - use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs - work with variables and various forms of input and output <p>Times table practise on Hit the Button and TT Rockstars</p>

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