



## Year 4 Hummingbirds Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025-2026!

**We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!**

Hello, I'm Miss Lydon and I will be teaching Hummingbirds this year. I cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Our learning will be centred around **Romans** this half term.



### **Key dates for your diary:**

Monday 13th October: British Museum

Friday 17th October- Black history month event assembly

Friday 24th October 2.45pm - Family Friday

Friday 24th October 3.30pm - BHM celebration

**October half term 27th October- 31st October EYFS and Years 1 -6 Closure**

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Tuesday 4th November- School reopens Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

### **Trips and Visits**


Monday 13th October: British Museum



### **PE Kits**

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Thursday**.

Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading ‘Georges Marvellous Medicine’ by Roald Dahl in our reading lessons. We will be reading ‘Romans on the Rampage’ by Jeremy Strong as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of humour, excitement and history.</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finding information in the text</li> <li>- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words</li> <li>- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters</li> <li>- Making predictions about what will happen next</li> </ul> <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:  <a href="https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/">https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/</a></p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of the Romans. The children will write a detailed set of instructions on how to be a Roman soldier, focusing on using conjunctions and technical language. The children will then use the text ‘George’s Marvellous medicine’ to write a piece of dialogue between two characters to convey personality. They will be focusing on punctuating dialogue accurately. For example:</p> <p>“I’m bored Grandma” whinged George loudly.</p> <p>“Shh and eat your slugs George” snapped Grandma.</p> <p>Please see the link below for further information:  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhqh92p">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhqh92p</a></p> <p>Please support your child’s spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:  <a href="https://www.spellzone.com/">https://www.spellzone.com/</a></p> <p>Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.</p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p><b>Place Value-</b> We will be learning the value of digits in four digit numbers and counting in thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.</p> <p><b>Addition and Subtraction-</b> using mental and written strategies to add and subtract numbers within 10,000</p> <p><b>Multiplication and Division-</b> using mental and written strategies to multiply and divide by 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyr</a></p>	<p>Our science topic this term we will be learning about animals and how they can be classified into different groups based upon their characteristics.</p> <p>For example mammals give birth to live young and have fur. We will also look into how grouping can be applied to plants.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znd3jfr/articles/zyq9r2p">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znd3jfr/articles/zyq9r2p</a></p>
History and Geography	Campaign
<p>In History, we will be learning about the Romans and their influence over Britain. We will investigate the different roles within Roman society, the attempts made at invasion, the reasons why these were and were not successful and the Roman influence we can still see today.</p>	<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to ‘Keep connected’</p> <p>We will be raising awareness and celebrating black culture through hosting a Black History Month Feast.</p> 

<b>ICT</b>	<b>Computer systems and networks</b> We will develop our understanding of how networks are connected, what the internet is made up of and how information is shared.
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Being Me in My World</b> During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face. They will learn and talk about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community and the country they live in.
<b>RE</b>	<b>Judaism</b> Our focus religion this half term is Judaism. Our key question is ' How do Jewish beliefs, teachings and stories impact on daily life?
<b>PE</b>	PE lessons this half term will focus on basketball.  Class PE Day: <b>Thursday</b>
<b>Music</b>	We will be looking into gospel music as well as our own Black History Month song.
<b>Art</b>	<b>Mosaics and Tessellation</b> We will discover the patterns of ancient Roman mosaics and connect them to modern tessellation including exploring the work of M.C Escher.
<b>DT and Cooking</b>	<b>Food from Across the Globe</b> This half term in Cooking, we will be making food for our Black History Month event.
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.	
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