



January 2025

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break - Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for all of your kind words, cards and gifts! We thought it would be useful to give a brief overview of this term that we have been busy planning.

Year 4 Spring Term 2025	
Writing	Children will complete writing based on our history topic of 'The Romans' and our Geography topic 'Italy.' We will be writing a persuasive brochure about Sicily and writing a discussion text about the Romans. We will be studying the Roman myth 'Romulus and Remus' and writing some myths of our own. We will also be looking at stories with unfamiliar settings and writing our own stories based on the story 'Escape from Pompeii.' The English curriculum will also include a strong grammar and spelling focus, or phonics for those who still need this. Please continue to access the spellings that we have assigned your children on EdShed to practise at home.
Reading	Reading is so important as it helps children in every single subject as well as increasing their vocabulary and expanding their comprehension skills. It is essential that children read regularly at home (at least 5 times per week). We encourage the children to read a wide range of material. All children will have regular guided reading sessions in school, but the main body of their reading practise should take place at home.
Spelling/Phonics	The children have spelling / phonics lessons in school and a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Spellings are on Spelling Shed and children should be logging in and practising these regularly. Your support with this is much appreciated.
Class Novel*	Little Badman and the Killer Aunties - Humzah Arshad
Maths	Times tables and patterns Understanding and manipulating multiplicative relationships A review of fractions Using coordinates Please help your child to practise their times tables at home. There will be compulsory multiplication tests for all year four pupils in June. For further information, check out this website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-development-process
Science	Sound
History	The Romans
Geography	Italy
Art	Printing and Mixed Media - Light and Dark
DT	Slingshot Cars

PE	For the <u>first half term</u> , we will be doing PE (Football and Netball) on <u>Wednesdays</u> and <u>Thursdays</u> . After half term we will be doing golf and yoga.	
Computing	We will be learning about the internet and how to do data logging.	
RE	Significant Events - How and why do people mark the significant events in life?	Christianity - 'Is the Cross a symbol of Love, Sacrifice or Commitment for Christians?'
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing	Economic Wellbeing
MFL	French speaking and listening skills: My Family	

**We are happy if they want to get a copy and read this themselves but please make sure they do not read ahead as it spoils it for the other children in the class.*

Equipment

PE Kit: On PE days, children will wear their sports kit to school instead of their uniform. Black track suit bottoms and red school jumper/ sweatshirt can be worn with their PE t-shirt and shorts underneath if chosen. Children will require a change of shoes for the classroom after outdoor activities. During the winter months, please ensure your child has a spare bag for dirty shoes and a change of trousers in case they get wet. All kit should be named. (For more information on kit, please refer to the school's website). Girls will not be allowed to wear tights to do PE, so please ensure they have some socks available. **Earrings must be removed on PE days.** Hair longer than shoulder-length must be tied back. If your child is unable to take part in PE activities, it is a requirement that you inform the teacher in writing. They should then come in regular school uniform.

Homework

It is important that you set homework expectations early on with your child so they can get into a manageable routine.

- Reading five times a week - please record this in their reading diaries.
- Regular spelling and time tables practise on Spelling Shed and TTRS.
- We will send home a homework grid of activities based on our topic. Please complete as many of these activities with your child when the time is best for you. Children can then either bring in their homework or email it to us so we can share it with the class.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Please email us directly at Year4@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible. For matters which require urgent attention, please call the school office.

We look forward to an exciting year and we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bonich, Mr Baker and Mrs Maginn