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## Primary 4/5 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone! This term is shaping up to be a busy one! From continuing our topic on Romans and preparing for our class assembly, P4s are swimming, P5s are skiing and that's not to mention our Literacy and Numeracy work, there's lots of fun learning ahead!

### Literacy

This term in reading, we will be focussing on our comprehension skills, using both our group reading books and comprehension skill boxes. We will be focussing on our ability to find information in a text and this will be put to good use in our Romans topic research. This will help us continue to learn note-taking skills.

In Writing, each week, we will try different genres which are linked to our topic. We will be reporting on a Roman battle, putting ourselves in the shoes of a Roman soldier to write a diary entry and improving our descriptive writing of a setting including using our 5 senses to help us to imagine how life would have been in the Roman Empire.

Spelling continues on a weekly basis and this will be a mix of learning new patterns and rules and also focussing on common words.

### Health & Wellbeing

As a whole school, we continue to work on the Building Resilience programme.

We will be following Skipper on the River of Life as he navigates and helps us to understand ways to cope with challenges along the way. We will also be working on Friendships; what makes a good friend and how to develop positive relationships with other people.

P.E. will continue on Thursday mornings. We are finishing our block of Basketball and will be moving on to Gymnastics very soon.

### Numeracy and Maths

We are moving on to addition and subtraction strategies this term in Numeracy, which we will use to solve column sums. We are developing our knowledge of place value and carrying, and build up to completing multi-step word problems. We will be continuing to develop our quick mental maths skills with our Basic Maths Facts games, Sumdog and times tables practice.

In Maths, our focus is Money and also 2D and 3D shape. We will be learning about properties and nets of 3D shapes and also creating symmetrical designs.

### Topic

This term we are very excited to be continuing to learn about the Romans. We look forward to using this as our stimulus for writing, art, STEM and social studies tasks throughout this topic. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November we will have our class assembly. We can't wait to welcome our adults to our assembly to share our learning.

### Additional Information

The P5 block of 6 skiing lessons begins on Wednesday 2nd November. Please remember to bring warm and waterproof clothing, including gloves - Hillend is likely to be rather chilly! P4 have another 3 weeks of swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

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