

# Year 4 Dolphins Class

## Dates for the diary

6<sup>th</sup> September (pm) – Muddy Mayhem

12<sup>th</sup> September (pm) – Yr. 4 welcome meeting

tbc – campfire storytelling evening

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3<sup>rd</sup> December – flu vaccinations

## WELCOME BACK EAGLES – YOU’RE NOW DOLPHINS!

A warm welcome back after the holidays. Mrs Hooper and I are looking forward to working with the children and you and building on last year’s achievements.

As ever, should you have any questions do please ask. Contact either of us via Classdojo, drop in before school or arrange an appointment for after school if you need a bit longer.

### Topic

Our first topic this year is entitled “I am Warrior”, and we will be studying this until Christmas. We will be finding out about the Romans and the Celts and looking in detail at the invasion led by the Roman Emperor Claudius. In order for us to better understand the reasons behind and the consequences of the invasion we will need to study the geography of Britain, both physical and human, and the differences and similarities that exist between certain regions of the UK and Europe. In addition, we will be creating our own mosaics, improving our mastery of certain techniques as well as designing and creating our own Roman and Celtic weapons which will be used in a battle re-enactment later in the term. From a literacy perspective, we will be learning to write play scripts,

diary entries, soliloquys and information texts as well creating our own invasion stories which we will share during a campfire evening.

### Maths

We start with place value and then move through addition/subtraction strategies to multiplication and division. The work builds on what we have done in Year 3, using the same strategies but generally with larger numbers.

### Science

We will be learning all about sound and electricity.

### RE

In R.E the children will be exploring the questions “What do Christians learn from the creation story?” and “What is the Trinity?”

### PE

We start the year with dance on a Thursday, and are lucky to have Berenice leading us in creating our own Warrior dance! We will also be looking at ball-game skills on a Monday.

### How you can help at home

-Practise times tables with your children where you can. *The children will undertake the national times table test at the end of this academic year.* They will be tested

every week.

- Please do read regularly with your child. Sign their reading record and help them earn rewards at the end of each half-term! We cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child’s reading ability. You did fantastically well last year so let’s keep this up!

- Please ensure the children’s PE kits are in school every day (and labelled). This should include a tracksuit, where possible, and suitable outdoor and indoor footwear.

### Home Learning

Home learning is set to either consolidate or extend your child’s learning from school so it is important they take responsibility for completing it and handing it in on time. Do come and see us/contact us if you do not understand any part of the homework. Both English and Maths homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due in on a Wednesday (at the latest).

*If you are happy to go paper-free, do let us know* as you can access the homework on Classdojo.

Mr Mallinson and Mrs Hooper