

# Welcome to Year 4

7<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Dear Parents,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 4, and to give you a brief overview of what we will be up to this term.

We will be studying the **Romans** for the first half of the term. Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the British Museum on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. You will shortly be receiving a separate letter about this. Apart from history, the theme will encompass art, English, ICT and geography.

After the October break, we will take a more geography lead focus as we investigate **The World Around Us**, looking at climate and geographical features.

English and/or maths **homework** will be given out each Friday and collected on the following Monday and Tuesday. This gives a little extra time for those weekends when circumstances dictate that nothing much gets done! Often there is an 'open ended' element to the homework. If it appeals to your child to go a little further, eg by researching into a subject or finding a 'rule' to apply, please let them. If, however, trying to get the homework done is an uphill battle, please make a note in the book and I'll see if there is anything I can do to help.

There will be a weekly **spelling test** each Wednesday. Please help your child a little each evening with the spellings. Most weeks, the spellings list will consist of some words that use a particular letter pattern and some key words. To help your child become a confident speller, please try to help with the pattern, and how to apply it in other words, rather than on learning the list purely for the test.

As you are aware, **reading** takes place everyday at school in a variety of lessons. In addition to this, your child will be heard read regularly as part of a Guided Reading group. Please continue to hear your child daily and make a quick note in the Reading Record.

Our **PE lessons** will be on Fridays. Please ensure that no jewellery is worn on those days as it has to be taken off for safety reasons. If your child has pierced ears please ensure that only stud earrings are worn, and that these can be removed and replaced independently. Years 3 and 4 will benefit from two terms of **swimming** this year. The lessons will take place at Hatfield Pool on Wednesdays.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any queries please drop me a line and I'll get back to you. If you would like to see me about anything, please let the ladies in the office know, and I will get back to you to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Best wishes,

Mrs Haycock