Our reading focus in class this term is:

THE GOOSE GUARDS by TERRY DEARY

THE IRON MAN by TED HUGHES

We will also be reading poetry and non-fiction texts about The Romans.

In writing lessons, we will create:

EXPLANATIONS

DISCUSSIONS

LOSING TALES

TALES OF FEAR

CLERIHEW POETRY

In mathematics we will be learning about:

MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION

MEASURES

SHAPE

STATISTICS

MONEY

Our new history topic is:

EMPIRES AND EMPERORS

This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.

Welcome to Summer Term in Y3/4!

In Science we are studying:

ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND CONDUCTORS

This project teaches children about electrical appliances and safety. They construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors. It also teaches children about programmable devices. They combine their learning to design and make a nightlight.

In art we are basing our work on:

MOSAICS

This project teaches children about the history of mosaics, before focusing on the colours, patterns and themes found in Roman mosaic. The children learn techniques to help them design and make a mosaic border tile.

This will be followed by:

BEAUTIFUL BOTANICALS

This project teaches children about the genre of botanical art. They create natural weavings, two-colour prints and beautiful and detailed botanical paintings of fruit.

P.E. is each Wednesday.

Please come to school in your P.E. kit on these days. There is no need to wear P.E. kits on Monday any longer as we now have double P.E. on Wednesday. This half term our topics are:

SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS

Please remember your swimming kit each Wednesday morning.

I would recommend bringing a snack for after swimming as the children do a lot of exercise and may need something to keep them going after.

R.E. topics for Spring term are:

WHAT DO DIFFERENT PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life regarding diverse beliefs about God.

WHY DO PEOPLE PRAY?

This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about prayer: the practice, symbols, words and significance of prayer are studied alongside some key beliefs about prayer, so that pupils can develop thoughtful ideas and viewpoints of their own about prayer.

In D.T. this term we will complete:

MAKING IT MOVE-

please send us your empty tissue boxes to help us make our final models.

This will be followed by:

GREENHOUSE

This project teaches children about the purpose, structure and design features of greenhouses, and compares the work of two significant greenhouse designers.

During P.S.H.E. we will be discussing: MONEY SENSE We will discuss how we pay for things, bank accounts, savings and much more. This website has some great resources and games: https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/parents/	Music will involve: MUSICAL STYLES RECOGNISING DEFFERENT SOUNDS Y3/4 are also enjoying ukulele lessons with Mrs. Kelly each fortnight. A violin teacher does visit school each week if you would be interested in your child having violin lessons.	In computing lessons, we will focus on: DATA REPETITION IN GAME
*******READING SUPERSTARS ******* Please support your child in reading each night at home and bringing their book and yellow diary to school each day. During this Summer term Y3/4 are keeping check on the number of students and teaching staff that read each night in our class. Our record so far is 18 out of 30! We are striving each day to keep this up or beat our PB!	TIMES TABLES- PERSONAL BEST SCORES! Each week Y3&4 focus on a different times table in order to learn all tables up to 12 x 12. Year 4 are practising their Multiplication Check weekly. In this, they answer 25 random tables questions with just 7 seconds for each answer. They are enjoying celebrating their PB scores as each week they score a little more. The test is this term. Please look at the class page for further information. Keep practising! https://www.timestables.co.uk/	HOMEWORK Each week please support your child in learning their spellings and the times table of the week. There is a special certificate and reward for all children who join in with homework for a whole term. COMMUNICATION Please feel welcome to come and talk to me about any problems or just to catch up on what your child is doing in class. Your child's happiness and success is our highest priority. If you would like to email me directly, please contact me at: fionah17@st-georgescofe.derbyshire.sch.uk