**Year 3&4 Spring Term Newsletter**

**January 2019**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the busy half term ahead. I am certainly eager to see what the New Year brings following a long wait to get started in my new role and I am excited to get to know everyone.

Please find enclosed a copy of our new class timetable and an overview of what we are aiming to cover this term as we travel back in time to the Roman era!

Useful diary information;

* Swimming lessons are on a Tuesday. Children will need to come to school with named swimming kit including a swimming hat.
* Forest schools and PE will take place on Thursday afternoons of alternate weeks (03.01.19 Forest School). Mrs Patnell will also deliver a PE lesson on Friday afternoons.
* Spellings will be set and tested on a Friday by Mrs Patnell. Please look out for the blue folder with the spellings for the week in. We encourage the children to practice them using the ‘Look, Cover, Write, Check’ method.
* Times tables will continue to be tested on a Thursday as part of Tackling Tables
* Literacy/Maths homework will be set weekly - due in on a Monday and new homework given out on a Tuesday.

This half term, I would like to make Reading a focus. We are going to be thinking about reading skills, including comprehension and I am encouraging the class to make sure that they are reading at home. Reading at least four times a week at home will hopefully help the children to make steps forwards. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Please remember if you have any concerns do not hesitate to come in and see us. Mornings can be very busy but I am always happy to make time to see you after school.

***Mrs King Mrs Patnell Mrs Massen***