

# MEERKATS' NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2 Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the second half of our Autumn Term. It is great to see all the children refreshed from their break and ready for another exciting half-term in Year 4.

## Book Week




Prior to the break, the whole school took part in a very special Book Week based around characters and villains. Meerkats class book was "Ossiri and the Bala Mengro" by Katharine Quarmby and Richard O'Neil. The children had an interesting discussion about who the real villain in the story was and they wrote fantastic descriptions around him. Also, the class enjoyed a visit from the author Paula Harrison where they wrote creatively detailed character descriptions. Other highlights included the scavenger hunt and the Halloween disco; a thoroughly spooky ending to a busy term.

## I Am Warrior!

We will be continuing with our exciting topic this half term where we will be studying the importance of the Roman invasion and the changes that occurred in Britain because of their long rule. We will also be researching famous emperors and how they managed to rule over so many places, the differences between rich and poor Romans, as well as the rich artwork and archaeological finds that have been discovered. On Tuesday December 1st we will visit Verulamium Museum where we will discover more about Roman markets in Britain.

## The Curriculum

We will begin this half term by focusing on multiplication and division in maths, whilst in English, we will be studying poetry and biographies as well as starting a new novel, 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo; we will be completing lots of reading and writing activities based around this timeless classic. Elsewhere across the curriculum, we will continue to enhance our percussion and computing skills. Our Science topic this term is Living Things and Their Habitats where we learn to classify different species and consider the environmental impact on various habitats today.



## P.E.

Our PE lessons will continue to take place on Thursdays and Fridays. With the weather getting colder, it is extremely important to have a suitable outdoor kit that includes jogging bottoms. Pupils should wear their P.E. kits to school on those days and use earring tape when jewellery can't be removed.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Thursday and is to be returned to school by the following Tuesday at the latest. It is vital that pupils complete all homework to the best of their ability as it is an important way of consolidating learning and preparing for the following week's learning. I have been impressed by the quality so far! Thank you for your help with this.



Additionally, all pupils should be reading aloud as often as possible and learning their weekly spellings.

The statutory multiplication check will take place at the end of Year 4. Please help to prepare your child by encouraging them to practise on TTRS at least three times a week.

If in any doubt about the homework set, pupils can speak to a member of the Year 4 team before it is due in for extra support and guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Key Dates

- Friday 27th November- Bring a bottle
- Tuesday 1st December – Trip to Verulamium Museum
- Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 15th December – Carol Concert
- Friday 18th December – Last day of term.

Mrs Blurton