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## Class 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone after the long summer break, we trust that you are all fully recharged and ready for the exciting challenges that lie ahead. Many thanks for all of the kind gifts and words we received at the end of the Summer Term; they were very much appreciated.

Our theme this term will be, 'What is a Wall?' where the children will learn about and reflect upon the invasion and settlement of the Romans in Britain, as well as focus on their immense Empire. This will be explored through our Literacy and Topic work, where the children will focus particularly on the strategic geography of Roman forts, and the legacy they left behind.

Our first trip of the year will take place on Thursday 26th September, (details to follow shortly) and the children will visit Housesteads Fort on Hadrian's Wall. This will enable the children to experience this world heritage site and excellent primary resource and explore the Roman impact on this country first hand.

In science the children will learn about forces and explore gravity and various types of friction they will focus on questions such as:

Why do unsupported objects fall to Earth?  
How can we slow things down and speed things up?  
What slows things down in the air and water?

Children in class 4 will be given spellings which they will practise and define each morning in class but they can also practise at home to help to consolidate in preparation for their test. Spellings are best learned by practising for 10 minutes each day.

**Growing Learners for Life**

Maths and Literacy homework will be given out on Friday and is due in on the following Thursday. We should be grateful if you would support your child by setting good homework routines. If homework is causing stress please don't worry, send it back in with a quick note to say what is causing the problem and we will sort it out in school. However, we do expect all children to at least attempt their homework as it is purely a consolidation of what has been focused upon in the classroom.

Guided Reading takes place daily and children are expected to have their guided reading book and reading response book available in school for use in these sessions, they may have reading homework set or wish to complete a piece of work at home. If you wish to read part of your child's book with them, this is fine as long as they are following with you. Only read to the page that has been set by the teacher with the Guided Reading book. We have an excellent selection of other reading material in the classroom and your child is free to borrow as many texts as they wish.

PE will normally take place on Wednesday and Friday each week, if your child is not taking part please send a note to explain why as PE is compulsory and part of the statutory curriculum. PE kit should be trainers, dark shorts (blue/black) or jogging trousers and a white Tshirt.

We are looking forward to hard work and learning through lots of fun and enjoyment. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please feel free to contact me through the school admin ([admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk)) or catch me at 8:50am in the mornings for quick queries.

Kind Regards

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