Dear Parents,

We hope everyone has had a lovely and relaxing Easter holiday, and is excited to start the summer term! We are certainly excited as we are starting our new topic: the Romans!

We begin the term with a busy start: our Year 4 assembly will be taking place on the 9th May! Please check the Friday Flyer for more information about this.

There are plenty of performance opportunities this term with the Year 4 Summer Show on 11th July. This year it will be in collaboration with “Polka 40”, a local theatre project ran by the Polka Theatre. Look out for more information on this closer to the time.

Please ensure children continue to hand homework in on time and return library books on Tuesdays. PE kit always need to be in school. We will continue to use the homework diary as a means of reminding and passing on information, so it is important that it is looked at and checked by children and parents. Please sign your child’s book to be checked each Monday.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped on trips or at events.

We look forward to a fabulous final term in Nightingales and Nuthatches!

Miss. Vautier and Mrs. Watson

### Homework Schedule

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Homework diaries to be handed in on Mondays, signed by an adult.

Spellings to be learned at home weekly for testing in school on Mondays.

Children should be listened to reading each evening. Please make a note of this in their homework diaries.

Children should be going on Times Table Rock Stars each week as part of their maths homework.

### English

We are very excited to be part of “Polka 40”, an interesting project where we are partnering with practitioners from the Polka Theatre to support the children in creating a piece of devised theatre which will form part of their plays and playscripts module. We will also be creating a historical story linked to our topic of Roman Britain and exploring form in poetry.

### Science

This term we will be carrying out investigations into electricity and how it works, before exploring how sound travels and how we receive it.

### Topic

This term we will be travelling back in time to AD43, when Claudius invaded Britain. We will be exploring the events surrounding the invasion of Britain, looking at Roman daily life and some of the changes they made to British life, particularly exploring cultural and architectural changes. Towards the end of the term, we will also be taking a trip to the Museum of London to see their Roman exhibition to enhance the children’s learning.

### Art/DT

This term children will be creating masks using different materials as well as designing Roman mosaics. They will also be learning sewing skills to create a final product – a book cover.

### Music

Children will continue to learn the flute, developing their understanding of woodwind instruments.

### Maths

We will focus on area and perimeter, shape and symmetry before half term and then statistics and time after the holidays. In June we will be taking part in the government run multiplication tables check pilot where children will be tested on their ability to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12 × 12 as is specified in the national curriculum for year 4. This will be a timed test done on a computer. Please encourage children to continue to practise their times tables using Times Table Rock Stars to help prepare them.

### French

Madame Sharkey will continue building on the children’s vocabulary and phrases based on personal descriptions, pets and hobbies and will develop their conversational skills with chatterboxes!

### PE

Nightingales will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Nuthatches will have PE on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Children will be participating in athletics and then tennis this term.

Swimming will continue on Thursday mornings for children who are working towards 25m. Those who aren’t swimming will stay in school and partake in rounders.

### Religion

The units for this term looks at Jesus’ early life and teaching followed by Hinduism.

### Computing

Computing sessions will be focused on programming and handling data.

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**Staff in Nuthatches and Nightingales**

**Miss. Vautier** will be in Nuthatches every day. **Mrs. Watson** will be in Nightingales four days per week. **Mrs. Lyne** will be in Nightingales and Nuthatches on Tuesdays. **Madame Sharkey** will teach French in both classes on Tuesdays.