



# Europe Class Autumn News

The Year 4 teaching team are very excited for the year ahead and to be part of the Europe Class team! The team for this year will be Mrs Masson on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Loose on Thursday and Friday, with the support of Mrs Gittus, Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Bowers, Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Gordon. Our class animal this year is the European Wildcat! Wild cats are curious and creative and we think these traits will help us to be awesome learners.

## The Curriculum - 'Here Come the Romans!'

This term we will start our journey of discovery with a geography focus, revisiting the continents and oceans of the world and then zooming into Europe and landing in Italy. We will study modern day Italy before going back in time to the Romans! We will be learning what life was like in Britain before the arrival of the Romans, the changes that they brought and the legacies they left behind. Expect a pizza cooking experience and a trip to Colchester castle this term! Details of the trip to follow in the next few weeks.

Our writing this half term will be based on a beautiful picture book called Float by Daniel Miyares to give us inspiration for writing our own narrative texts. After half term, we will be writing non-narrative texts based on our journey of discovery topic, 'Here come the Romans!'

In maths, we will be learning place value of four digit numbers; addition and subtraction; measurement with a focus on area and, finally, multiplication and division. As this year is an important year for multiplication, will also be practising our times tables using Times Table Rockstars to improve our fluency and consolidate our knowledge of times table facts up to 12x12.

Reading is a very important part of learning and we encourage children to read every day at home and continue to record reading in the orange reading records. In school, we will have a 30 minute daily reading session, where children will either read to a member of the teaching team, work on comprehension skills independently and as part of a group and have the opportunity to read for pleasure independently.

This term our PE session will be on a Monday afternoon. We will also be having weekly swimming lessons at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre on a Wednesday morning. Children will need to have their swim kit (costume, towel, hat and goggles - if needed) in school every Wednesday morning. We will leave school at 10am and return for 11.30am.

Please ensure that children have all of their Risby school uniform **clearly named** and that the correct PE kit is worn. A reminder please: no hooded, zipped or branded sweatshirts to be worn. Water bottles need to be in school every day to keep our wildcats hydrated!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or their time in school, please do get in touch. We cannot reply to any messages on Class Dojo, but you can catch us briefly at the door in the morning to arrange a meeting, pass messages through the office or send an email to [admin@risbyprimary.com](mailto:admin@risbyprimary.com).

### Key dates

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Harvest Festival at St Giles Church - 9:30am

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Consultations

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Parent consultations

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> November: Half Term

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November: Colchester Castle Trip

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4-6 Christmas Play Performance - 2pm

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4-6 Christmas Play Performance - 6pm

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December: Risby Christmas Craft Day

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas service at St Giles Church - 9:30am

We have a very exciting term ahead and we look forward to welcoming everybody into school every morning and watching the children 'believe' this term that together, we can achieve great things...

With best wishes, the Year 4 teaching team

Mrs Masson, Mrs Loose, Mrs Gittus, Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Bowers, Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Gordon

