

Dear parents,

Homework:

Homework this week is as per the usual routine. There was a little mix-up with Year 4 spellings last week and some pupils had revised one list and others a different one (the second list had been given out early in my absence causing a little confusion!) so we agreed we will have a double spelling test this week instead - rejoice!

There is, however, now some *optional* (but encouraged) maths homework available on Tapestry, all focused on times tables.

Here's how to find it: log in to Tapestry, go to *Documents*, and scroll down to *Y3/Y4 Optional Homework 25-26*.

The children have been working incredibly hard on their times tables over the last few weeks and are really enjoying showing off their increasing speed and accuracy each week. Our weekly test covers both multiplication and division for their current times table. Children will only move on to the next set once they have achieved a suitable mark in both areas.

Some children are still finding division a little tricky, so any extra practice at home would be really beneficial. Here are a few helpful websites you can use at home:

- **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**
- **Hit the Button – Topmarks**
- **Timestables.co.uk**
- **MathsFrame Times Tables Check**
- **BBC Bitesize – Times Tables**

Songs are also a great way to learn times tables and there's loads of them online thankfully. A personal favourite is the Adele-style one here: https://youtu.be/z_BJjR9rdwA?si=Vuh_G2WOqmwCbgks

It's impossible not to listen to that one a few times and not know what 7 eights are!

St George's Crypt Nativity Trip

On Friday we visit St George's Crypt. If you haven't already consented/donated then please do so. Pupils will need to bring a snack for the trip and if any parents would like to join us please get in touch as we are looking for one more volunteer if possible.

Class 3 highlights

This week the children enjoyed an explosive Science experiment involving mentos and coke! Don't try this at home - actually you probably could to be honest!

The undisputed highlight since our last update was our incredible school trip to Murton Park the week before though - just a wonderful experience all round. Murton Park practice 'living history' so pupils got the chance to live like Romans and learn so much in the process. They say a picture speaks a thousand words.... if that's true there's several thousand words worth on Tapestry for you to see!

[Roman Day \(Part 1\)](#)

[Roman Day \(Part 2\)](#)

[Roman Day \(Part 3\)](#)

[View Folder](#) (that's the maths we mentioned earlier)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller