



# Dowson Primary Academy

## Year 4's Classroom News

### What will we be learning?

#### Learning Heroes

For the first few weeks of the year, we will be looking at how to be a good 'learning hero'. This means using the 'learning muscles' which make us good learners for life, such as perseverance, collaboration, managing distractions and listening. We will link these learning skills to Disney characters to help the children remember and understand what these skills look like in practice. We will be discussing real-life learning heroes and people who have inspired us as well as designing and drawing our very own learning superheroes.



#### Exhibition Topic

Throughout Autumn 1, children will be exploring the theme 'We Can Change the World'. Using the book 'Moon Man' as an inspirational starting point, they will learn about the true meaning of acceptance.

We will be researching about famous historical figures, such as Rosa Parks, who have influenced our lives today by changing the way people treat and accept one another.

We will explore different emotions and discuss the effect that our actions can have on other people. We will learn how our actions can make a positive difference to



#### Romans

In the second half of term, we will be looking at how the Roman invasion of Britain has influenced us, including analysing maps and place names and looking at Roman inventions which we still use today.

We will be using a variety of different resources- just like real historians- to learn about the Romans and begin discussing the reliability of these.

Throughout this topic, we will be using cross-curricular skills including artistic skills to make and create, drama skills to perform in front of the class and literacy skills to write diary entries.

Towards the end of the topic, we will be going on a trip to see real Roman artefacts and even get the chance to dress up as Romans!

#### What is happening in school?

### Dates for the Diary:



- Come Read With Me- Week commencing the 18th September
- Exhibition Day—26th October
- Parent consultation days—13th/14th November
- Individual photographs—20th October
- School open day for prospective new parents—16th October/20th November

#### What is happening in class?

- Butterfly Art Project—Friday 22nd September
- Roman Trip - date to be confirmed

### Reminders

- P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Homework will be set on Friday and children will be given 2 weeks to complete it.
- Challenge cards will be tested throughout the week. Please try to encourage your child to practise these at home.
- Please support and encourage your child to read every night at home. Home readers will be checked every Friday and monster points rewarded for regular reading.