

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 1 - 2023

Our theme for Spring 1 is:

Rotten Romans

Our main focuses are:

- Finding out what made the Romans so rotten.
- We will be finding out how the Roman Empire began.
- What influence did they have on Britain?
- What was it like to live in Ancient Rome and how is it different to the way we live now?
- The resistance against Roman invasion in Britain.

Our theme will last for:
6 weeks, 3 days



English:

Fiction and non-fiction: Year 4 will be able to tell you all the differences between these two types of texts. We will start off with identifying and understanding the key features of information texts. Then, we will be using these texts to research about the Romans and their way of life to create our own fact files. Even though we don't have a novel for our topic this half-term, we will still be looking at a variety of non-fiction books to inspire our writing.

Boudicca and her tribe are on the revolt! Year 4 will be writing their own factual reports in the style of tabloid news and report on the events as they happen.

We will also be exploring Roman poetry and creating our own!

On a weekly basis, your child will be practising spellings and reading skills in class. This will include inference, comprehension and retrieval skills.



Mathematics

During Mathematics this half term, we will be developing our understanding of equivalence and fractions. We will also be exploring measure by discovering area and perimeter.

Some of the things we will look at include:

- Perimeters and area
- Equivalent fractions and how to compare them.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.
- Solving problems using fractions.
- Counting in tenths
- Solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals

Year 4 will be continuing to have a huge push on their times tables and will be focusing on different times tables every week to secure children's knowledge of this.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic (P.S.H.E.)

We will be considering why our emotions change. This will include discussions around mental well-being as well as our physical and mental health. During this term, we will be discussing some of the changes in our bodies as we grow up.

R.E.

We will be further expanding our knowledge of Christianity by looking at the Old Testament within the Bible. We will focus on the stories of David and Goliath, Joseph and his dream coat and the Story of Moses.

History and Geography

We will be learning about the Roman Empire and the impact it had on Britain. We will also be researching how the British resisted the Roman invasion.

Music

We will be going back to the Glockenspiel! We will be improving our skills on the instrument to be able to play more complex rhythm patterns.

Art and Design Technology

Year 4 will be improving our mastery of art techniques by looking at 'Vesuvius' by the artist Andy Warhol for inspiration. We will then be creating our own erupting volcanoes using a variety of tools.

Behaviour and Safety

During this topic, we will be discussing discrimination and its effect on others.

French

Bonjour! In French, we will be learning how to talk about our families. We will be able to introduce ourselves and our siblings, parents and other family members.

Computing

We will learning to ensure we understand the validity and reliability of different websites. We will be using search engines to research the Romans and then present our findings to the class.

P.E

For P.E. this term, we will be learning how to play the game 'dodgeball'. This will involve us improving her catching skills alongside our dodging and coordination skills.



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes, as a minimum everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings we will be practising within class will be shared via Seesaw and these can be discussed and practised at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them in to a sentence! An optional Maths. and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets may be given for these by the teachers. A half-termly topic challenge will also be uploaded on to Seesaw at the start of the term. This is an open-ended challenge and can be completed in any creative way that your child would like.

Important dates:

Crystal Maze Maths Days: 4th and 5th January
History Day— 25th January
Roman Workshop—30th January
Story Telling Week— W/C 30th January
Children's Mental Health week — W/C 6th February
LGBT History Day - 10th February

