

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2 - 2024

Our theme for Spring 2 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 the Romans 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 the Roman invasion in Britain.

Our theme will last for:
4 weeks.



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.

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.

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.

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 this half-term, we will be looking at investigating statistics such as sorting data and creating line, bar and time graphs.

As the term goes on, we will then be looking at shape and lines of symmetry.

We also get to enjoy one of our favourite weeks of the year: Crystal Maze week! During this week, we get to work together and demonstrate our problem solving skills.

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.)

Carrying on with our whole school theme 'No Outsiders', this term we will be exploring the book 'Aalfred and Aalbert' by Morag Hood. This will help us to consider how we can find common ground with others. In our main P.S.H.E. lessons, we will be looking at how we can keep ourselves healthy and safe.

R.E.

In R.E., we will be continuing to look at Judaism. We will be looking into some key people such as Moses as well as key events like Hanukkah and the Passover.



History and Geography

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

Music

Pupils will be playing the djembe drums. Pupils will be learning how to follow rhythms and learn how to use their hands to create different sounds.



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 looking at 'Electrical Safety' and how to keep safe around electrical appliances.

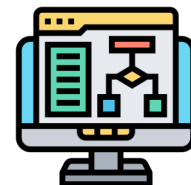


French

Bonjour! In French, we will be learning the names of Roman Gods and Goddesses and learning the names of some of the most famous Roman inventions.

Computing

This half term, we will be learning how to design, write and debug programs, to explain how algorithms work.



P.E.

This term we will be focusing on our dance skills in P.E. We will be looking at how we can create rhythmic sequences with our bodies in time with music. The Polar Bears and Huskies will also be starting swimming from Monday 4th March.

Please could you ensure that children bring in their indoor and outdoor P.E. kits at the beginning of the week and swimming kits if necessary.



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 into a sentence! An optional Maths and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. 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:

World Book Day — Thursday 7th March
Scholastic Book Fair — 7th and 8th of March
Crystal Maze Week — W/C 11th March
4JB Family Showcase — Wednesday 13th March
Poetry Day — W/C March 18th

