

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 1 - 2026

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 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:
6 weeks.



English:

This half term, we are going to be exploring the fundamental grammatical features needed for writing a newspaper report and a non-chronological report. We are going to linking our writing to the Rotten Romans, with our newspaper report re-telling the story of Boudicca.

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, with a focus on the Ancient Romans.

On a weekly basis, your child will be practising spellings and reading skills in class. This will include inference, comprehension and retrieval skills. Keep an eye on Seesaw for our spelling boards!



Mathematics

During Mathematics this half term, we will be developing our understanding of equivalence and fractions. We will also be exploring division practically and through different written methods.

Some of the things we will look at include:

- Equivalent fractions and how to compare them.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.
- Counting in tenths.
- Solving 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 the children's knowledge of this.

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

Carrying on with our whole school theme 'No Outsiders in Our School', this term we will be exploring the book 'Red - A crayon's story'. We will be considering how to be our true selves and to feel proud of who we are.

R.E.

In R.E., we will be exploring the importance of community within religion. We will be looking at what community means and what religions are celebrated and followed in our local community. We will be visiting a local Jewish Temple and exploring how they work and practise in their local community.



Behaviour & Safety:

This term we will be learning about discrimination and how to ensure fairness.

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

This half term, we will be beginning our music focus on the Djembe Drums. We will be exploring rhythm, tempo, dynamics and tone through percussion.

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.

French

Bonjour! In French, we will be learning about different traditions and celebrations celebrated in the French speaking world.

Computing

This half term, we will be learning how to use search engines effectively. We'll be unpicking how we know if information is valid and reliable.

British Values

This half term, we will be looking at the value of democracy and how it is important in our society.



P.E.

In P.E., children will be learning about the skills required for gymnastics. We will be learning how to increase our flexibility and strength. As part of our diverse curriculum, we will be learning about Simone Biles and her impact on the gymnastics world.

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



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 10 minutes 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. We strongly encourage you to be supporting your children with their Times Tables this half term.

Important dates:

7th January—INSET day
8th January—Wondernoon
W/c 9th February—Children's Mental Health Week
10th February—Safer internet day

Date TBC—Jewish Temple visit

