Curriculum Newsletter Year 4 Spring 1



Ideas for home learning

Investigate which
Create a Roman Art
Mosaic or Roman Road
Maze Game.

Watch a short video based on a Roman Empire (BBC bite size/BBC -

such as "A Day In The Life... Of A 10-Year-Old In Roman Britain Age".

This can also be found on Youtube.

Welcome to spring term, year 4! Our topic this term is Roman

Empire. As part of this topic, we will be learning about who the Romans were and how did they build their empire. Why the Romans invade

Britain, who was Boudicca and how she lead a rebellion.

Our main text will be 'Leon and the Place Between' written by

Angela McAllister. We will learn about the main similarities and

differences between societies that existed during these ages. We will understand that we can learn about the past using different sources. Finally, year 4 will create their model of Colosseum and Armour using recycled materials.



The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right!

Roman Empire rebellion conquest/conquers

tribe emperor Celts legion

Key messages

Year 4 will be participating in tag rugby and hockey which will be taught by class teachers this term.

Children should come dressed in PE kit on PE days. PE kit is a white top with black shorts or jogging bottoms and with swimming stuff on swimming days (towel, swimming attire, flip-flops or sliders and a swimming cap and

goggles if you wish.)

Turquoise - Monday and Friday

Jade - Tuesday (swimming) and Friday

Homework will be provided on Google Classroom; reading and TTRS should be completed daily.

PE

In <u>PE</u> we will be developing our skills in Tag Rugby and Hockey. We will be practising our agility skills, as well as moving with the ball, defending and working as a team.

RE

In \underline{RE} we will be exploring what it means to belong to the Islamic community; specifically looking at Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr. We will learn the importance of these events, what can be learned by everyone during Ramadan and how does fasting help the community grow closer.

Science

In Science our Topic will be Animals (including Humans)

- Learning about life cycles and what they are.
- Investigating the life cycle of a chosen animal through research.
- Identifying the seven signs of life of an organism.
- Exploring the variation of food chains and how plants and animals are linked.
- Researching the life stages of a human being.

Computing

This term we will be using our <u>Computing</u> time to become musicians and create a piece of music digitally. Pupils will be using child friendly software to develop their own composition and performance.

Music

With our Music teachers we will be practicing body percussion and singing with our teacher and the class teachers teaching the supplementary lessons. We will be focusing on, pitch, volume, cannons and signing in rounds.

The Roman Empire
Spring Term
2023-2024

Year 4

Topic

This term our topic is The Roman Empire. We will be learning about:

- Who the Romans were and how did they build their empire.
- Why the Romans invade Britain.
- Who was Boudicca and how she lead a rebellion.

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to use a White Rose approach to learn about:

 Multiplication and division, fractions, length and perimeter and decimals

We will also be continuing to prepare for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in June.

English

Our text this term is Leon and the Place Between by

Angela McAllister. We will be using this text to inspire a range of fiction and non-fiction writing, including:

- Persuasive writing
- Diary entry
- Descriptive writing

Writing our own story from another character's viewpoint.

