

English

We will be using the 'Talk for Writing' approach (T4W) to develop our skills as writers. Work will be based around the book *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. We will engage with the text through discussion, drama and even create a volcanic eruption to increase familiarity with the story. We will plan our own story based on the structure of *Escape from Pompeii* and will draft, edit and present the final narratives. We will write newspaper reports about an aspect of Roman life. In our 'Talk for Reading' sessions we will be looking at and discussing a range of texts and completing activities to support and develop our love for reading. SPaG and reading will be a daily focus. At home, children need to learn the weekly spellings set and tested on Mondays.

Geography

As geographers we will use our locational knowledge to place countries around the United Kingdom and Europe concentrating on their environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics. We will be identifying Italy and its major cities on a map and explore its geographical features. We will explore some tourist attractions of Rome and identify similarities and differences between Italy and Britain.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will learn to count using Roman numerals! We will be focusing on Number, with Place value being a principal focus. Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division will also be explored. We will be building on our problem-solving skills, moving to more complex two-step problems. We will learn about Area to develop our measurement skills. Number and reasoning will continue to be developed during the 'basic skills' sessions, consolidation activities and investigations.

I am Warrior!

Year 4 Autumn 2023

Hello time travellers! Rotten or revolutionary, the Romans certainly did leave a lasting legacy! From gladiators and gods to eruptions and emperors, we will love looking further into their lives and their culture to gain a greater understanding of the past!

Music

As musicians, we will explore beats and rhythms for the Roman army to march to and songs to retell important Roman moments. Our music lessons will enable us to visit other countries and explore their musical customs and traditions. We will focus on songs, singing and rhythm.

Physical Education

In P.E. we will work on games to develop ball skills such as throwing, catching, hitting, possession. We will explore the Romans' love of ball games and play a game of Trigon. We will also be taking part in a skipping Challenge!

Languages

We will build on knowledge from last year of basic phrases and songs. We will then learn to discuss and write about pets and animals. We will also look at some Italian words to link with our topic.

PSHE

In our 'Well-being Wednesday' sessions we will be following 'Jigsaw', the whole-school PSHE programme. We will be exploring two puzzles... 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences.' The mindfulness approach will support our health and wellbeing.

Computing

Class 4 will look at internet safety and will learn to use a search engine effectively to research. The children will also create a one-stop animation based on our topic work.

History

Our topic this term is starting in Italy then taking a journey through Europe as we follow the Roman Empire. As historians, we will march on to discover how the army helped to expand the Roman Empire, explore what Britain was like before the Romans invaded and discover how Britain became part of the Roman Empire. We will find out about Boudica and how she rebelled against the Romans. We will research what the Romans built when they settled in Britain and consider the lasting impact the Romans left in Britain.

Religious Education

In R.E. we will explore the question 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?' Class 4 will also celebrate Harvest and Christmas this term.

Art and Design/ DT

As artists, we will be researching Roman design and architecture, including the Colosseum and Roman baths. Clay will be used to make a Roman mosaic inspired by examples the Romans left behind. The children will design and make a Roman drawstring purse and Roman shields, looking at typical colours, patterns and design.

Science

This term our topic will focus on learning about 'Electricity.' As scientists, we will learn about the basic parts of an electric circuit and work hands-on to build them. We will conduct an investigation into finding out which materials are electrical conductors and insulators. We will also learn how switches work and how to make them.

How you can help

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible, help them to practise their weekly spellings and support them with learning their times tables. P.E. will be on a Monday for the 2nd half term and will then be on a Monday and Friday after half term. Thank you, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Eynon.