

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will consistently be developing our times tables and mathematical fluency through our daily basic skills sessions. We start the year with our focus on number, with place value being a principal focus. The children will also learn to count using Roman numerals! Once we have consolidated our understanding of place value, we will apply this to addition and subtraction. Each lesson, we will be building on our problem-solving skills, progressing to more complex two-step problems.

English

In English, we will be using the Talk for Writing approach to develop our skills as writers. Our model text is a portal story, taking our characters to a new world. The children will learn and retell the text, using fun drama activities to fully immerse themselves in the story. We will develop our descriptive writing to draft, edit and present our final narratives. Our reading text will be 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne. This unique story uses four different perspectives that we will explore in our Talk for Reading sessions. The children will continue to develop their handwriting and spelling through daily basic skills lessons.

History

As historians, we will take ourselves back to 27BC as we follow the Roman Empire. 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. Using our enquiry skills, we will find out about Boudica and how she rebelled against the Romans. Studying our local area will support us in understanding the lasting impact the Romans left in Britain.

Art and Design

As artists, we will be researching Roman design and architecture, such as the Colosseum and Roman baths. With influence from these, the children will use clay to produce their own Roman mosaics. We will also be creating Roman shields in DT.

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The Roaring Romans!

Hello time travellers! Rotten or revolutionary, the Romans certainly did leave a lasting legacy! This half term, we are going to looking further into their lives and culture to gain a greater understanding of the past.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Sound'. In our lessons, we will work practically to explore how sounds are made, how they travel and how to change a sound. We will be creating our own instruments using recycled materials to investigate different sources of sound and how different materials affect the pitch and volume of sound.

Physical Education

In PE this half term, we will be developing our throwing and catching skills through a variety of games and drills. The Romans loved ball games, especially Trigon! We will enjoy playing this in our PE lessons. We will also be swimming this half term.

Music

Our music lessons will complement our science lessons this half term as we explore sounds from recycled materials. We will create our own instruments and work in groups to compose our own jazz pieces. At the end of our unit, the children will have the opportunity to perform the 'Recycling bin bhangra'.

Languages

In French, we will enjoy a range of songs and games to learn and recall vocabulary. Using drama and role-play settings, we will develop our speaking and listening skills about pets and animals.

Computing

In computing, we will begin by looking at internet safety. We will also explore how to use a search engine effectively by researching information about the Roman Empire.

RE

This term we will focus on the question 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?' Class 4 will also celebrate Harvest this term.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will focus on 'Being me in my World'. Every week, we will use circle time to listen and discuss our ideas about supporting our own health and wellbeing.

The Harmony Project

Our Harmony Principle this half term is 'Oneness'. Using mindfulness and explorative sessions, we will delve into the idea that everything lives in harmony and unity. In Class 4, we will be exploring who the Romans were and what was important to them, as our Harmony Focus. Our 'Great Work' will be our Roman shield..

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 their times tables. Spellings will be sent home weekly to be tested on a Friday. PE will be on a **Wednesday morning**. Information will be emailed soon regarding swimming this half term. Thank you, Miss Sheppard