

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2021/22



**ENGAGE**  
**INSPIRE**  
**EMPOWER**

Welcome back. We are so excited to see all of the children back in school and hope everyone has had a restful break. We are looking forward to a warming and positive start to the year.

**Our topic this term is:**

## ROMAN RULE



**During this topic the children will:**

Use primary and secondary sources of information to learn about whom the Romans were and where they came from as well as identify features of Roman entertainment, Roman gladiators, the Roman Army and the main Emperors of Rome.

Explore key concepts related to 'invading' and 'settling'.

Understand what made the Roman Army so powerful and formidable.

Use their scientific knowledge of forces and their design technology skills to make their own Roman catapult.

Understand the factors that led to the fall of the Roman Empire.

Identify how the Romans have influenced our lives today.

Investigate the significance of Mosaic Art in Roman times and to experiment with this technique.

Explore the impact of Roman beliefs in relation to Roman Gods.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be returning to every Tuesday. These will take place over the phone, please let us know if you would like a consultation via the class emails on our class pages and we will get back to you with a time.

## Important Dates

Wednesday 15th September— World Afro Day Friday 17th September 2021—Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 23rd September 2021—Individual School Photos

## Homework

The children are to complete their Reading and Writing journals each week and are to return them to school on their given day. This will be noted on their book. Please make sure your child is writing at least one page each week, if this is not completed this will be completed in their own time in school. Spellings will be sent home each week. Our PowerProject information sheet is available on our class pages.

## The Year 4 Team:

**Lilac Class Teacher:** Fenella Earle

**Maple Class Teacher:** Jo Hayhoe

**PPA Teachers:** Georgia Tamsa-Tredgett and Nursel Deniz

**Support Staff:** Josh, Arleone, Attia and Sharon

## Maths

### Mathematical Development

Please see below for a week by week overview of the maths areas that we will be covering this half term:

Week 1– Place Value and representing numbers to 1000.

Week 2– Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Week 3 - Counting in various multiples to 1000. Including 2,4,5, 10 and 25.

Week 4 - Comparing numbers up to 1000.

Week 5 - Looking at negative numbers and counting in negative numbers.

Week 6— Counting and adding in Roman Numerals.

Week 7— Consolidate and Assess

## English

For the first part of this half-term, our English lessons will focus around the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. After this we will be looking at 'The Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley and using this as a basis to plan to write for many different purposes. Our focus is looking at how traditional and mythical/fantastical tales are told and written.

We will also have reading lessons that will be focussing on the main skills of reading as well as having a dedicated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lesson each week.

Just to note, we will be encouraging the children to take part in a class reading scrap book. Each week a different child will bring the book home to fill in a page about their favourite book.

## Science

Our Science topic for this half-term is Sound. We will plan and carry out investigations to find out how sound is made, how it travels and how our ears work.

## Humanities and Topic

### History

During the topic, we will use different sources of information to learn about the Romans and their influence on Britain. We will explore the concepts of 'invading' and 'settling', and understand how and why the Roman army were so formidable. We will also look at the factors that led to the fall of the Roman empire.

### Computing

In computing this half-term we will be learning about how to use technology responsibly and how to stay safe online.

### PSHE & RE

In our Circle Time on Monday mornings, we are working on having a Growth Mindset. Our RE focus is currently 'Becoming an Adult'.

## PE

This half term in PE, the children will focus on Basketball. They will work on ball skills around passing, dribbling and shooting. We will also look at learning the rules of the game and defensive tactics. PE will take place on Wednesday mornings and the children should come to school wearing their PE kit on this day. Their PE kit should consist of: a plain white T-shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers/plimsolls.