

Year 4 Newsletter

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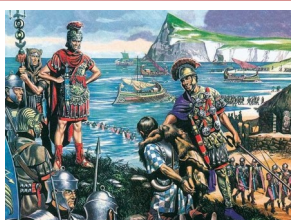


ENGAGE
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Welcome back Year 4, we hope you have had a restful break and are ready to learn! We are looking forward to teaching you in the run up to the New Year!

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 'settling' in different countries.

Understand the function of a Roman bath.

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 or in person, 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

Dennis the recycling truck—School visit Friday 5th November 2021.

Into Film Festival to see 'Spirit Untamed' - Wednesday 10th November 2021. (Maple class children to bring a packed lunch as we will not be returning to school before swimming).

Anthony Glen - Romeo & Juliet—Monday 8th November 2021—School performance in the morning.

Eco summit week—Monday 8th—Friday 12th November

Anti-bullying week—15th—19th December

Children in Need—19th December

Pantomime—Wednesday 1st December 2021—Year 4 will be visiting the Theatre Royal, Stratford to see the morning performance of the Pantomime. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch to school this day.

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, Shaheda and Sharon

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be focussing on Measurement and Multiplication and Division methods using the White Rose programme.

In Measurement we will be studying the different measurements of length and learning how to convert between them confidently. We will discover patterns between the conversions and use measurement practically to find the perimeter of a shape.

In Multiplication and Division we will continue to look at various formal methods and using these practically in both practical and written work. We will continue to work on our reasoning skills and using different checking methods such as RUCSAC and KFC to check our work.

Science

In Science this half term we are going to be learning about Electricity. We will be looking at what makes a complete and incomplete circuit, what is a conductor and what is an insulator as well as continuing to practice how to create a fair and safe experiment/test.

Humanities and Topic

History

We will be continuing to learn about the Romans with a focus on the Romans in Britain and how they have affected modern life. We will also look at the factors that led to the fall of the Roman empire as we conclude this topic this half term.

Computing

In computing we will be learning how to create and present a PowerPoint presentation.

PSHE & RE

In our Circle Time on Monday mornings we will be discussing healthy relationships and living and in R.E we will be learning about different festivals from the main faiths.

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 Power Project information sheet is available on our class pages.

English

For the first part of this half-term, our English lessons will focus around the book 'The Boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd with a focus on developing setting and character descriptions through poetry and figurative language.

After this we will be looking at 'A Christmas carol' and using this as inspiration to plan, write and perform our own traditional and mythical tales with alternative endings.

We will also have reading lessons based around our class book 'The Boy who grew dragons' that will focus on the main skills of reading as well as having a dedicated Grammar, Punctuation, Handwriting 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 be bring the book home to fill in a page about their favourite book.

PE

This half term in PE, the children will focus on Badminton and net/wall racket sports. We will be having our lessons indoor, please note indoor P.E is barefoot. All children must be wearing the appropriate P.E. kit of a plain white t-shirt and plain navy jogging bottoms or shorts. We will be learning how to have control over the racket and how to aim correctly over the net. We will also introduce simple rules and competitive play.