

The Romans



Literacy Development:

- Similarly to last term, spellings will not be tested but will be learnt through games and activities at home and in class. These spellings will consist of 5 statutory words from the year 3 and 4 list, 2 topic related words and 3 spellings chosen by the children from their books.
- We will also be continuing the 'Spice up Spellings' activity menu, which will be stuck into your child's spelling book. We expect the children to complete one activity per week and for it to be signed and dated by an adult. This will be due back on a Monday. The tasks can be completed in their spelling books. For more information, see the school website.
- Our focus this term will be story settings, including objectives such as understanding how settings can influence characters' behaviours and understanding the purpose of dialogue in a story. We will be focusing on 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong, which has a strong literacy focus as well as covering other areas of the curriculum, especially Roman history.

Maths Development

In term 1 and 2 we will be focusing on:

- **Place Value**- objectives include recognising the place value of each digit in a 3 and 4 digit number, counting backwards through zero to include negative numbers and rounding decimals with one decimal place to the next whole number.
- **Addition and Subtraction**- objectives include to add and subtract numbers mentally, estimating the answer to a calculation using inverse operations to check answers and solving problems using number facts, place value and more complex addition and subtraction.
- **Multiplication and Division**- Objectives include to count from 0 in multiples of 4 and 8 (Y3) and 6,7,9 (Y4), to write and calculate mathematical statements for M+D using the times tables that they know and to solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division.

If you would like a breakdown of learning objectives week by week, they will be available on the medium term plans.

- We will also be looking at Roman numerals to 100, whilst acknowledging that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value.

RE- Judaism/ Christianity

Mrs Duncan will be taking Puffins for RE this year.

- In term 1 we will be focusing on the Festival of Sukkot (Harvest) and finding out about Harvest celebrations around the world.
- In term 2 we will be looking at Christianity as a worldwide religion and focusing on how different festivals are celebrated in the orthodox Christian Tradition.

Topic

- The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
- Romanisation of Britain.
- Julius Caesar's attempted invasion
- British resistance e.g. Boudicca.

Science- States of matter (chemistry)

- Changes of state
- The water cycle

Art

- Improving mastery of techniques such as drawing, painting and sculpture with a variety of materials
- Being able to collect, record and evaluate ideas in our art folders.
- We will also be learning about great artists, architects and designers, with particular emphasis on Roman mosaic art, which will be creating ourselves from paper.

Music

- Recorder lessons will take place every Wednesday morning for the duration of the school year. Children will have their own recorders.

MFL

- This year I will be teaching French lessons every Friday afternoon.

PE

- Mark Potter will be with us on a Wednesday afternoon. He aims to be outside as much as far as the weather allows, so please ensure your child has trainers and tracksuit bottoms or shorts, plus a drinks bottle.
- Children will need P.E kit on a Wednesday for lessons but as we are swimming on Fridays we will not need it in school for the rest of the week.
- Swimming lessons will take place every Friday morning with Mrs Davies and Mrs Neal.

Computing

- We are learning to stay safe whilst using the internet creating strong passwords and ensuring they stay safe
- Writing and creating simple branching data base using yes no questions
- To create a algorithmic flow chart both plugged and unplugged
- Digital literacy we shall be looking at fine tuning our typing and word processing skills looking at presentation of work
- Any E-safety information will be on the website as well as the class newsletter.