



Lydgate Junior School
Curriculum Overview
Year 4 Autumn term



The theme for this term is...
The Romans/ The Amazon

English

Throughout the term, we will revise word classes and move onto adverbial phrases. This will be fed through our writing lessons where we will be using stories, poems and books to inspire the children to write. We will start with image poetry before moving onto character study in Horrid Henry stories. The wonderful picture book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit will be used as a starting point for descriptive writing and reports about volcanoes. You can help your child at home by sharing books and stories together and discussing what they have read or listened to. The rich book language they hear will really help with their writing.



Maths

We start the term with a big focus on place value, followed by addition, subtraction and multiplication using 4 digit numbers. We will work on mental strategies, followed by learning formal methods for these calculations. We will also learn how to measure length accurately and how to calculate area and perimeter, putting those calculation skills into practice. You can help at home by practising x tables, particularly x6 and x9.



Science

We start our science work with a topic on SOUND. We will find out about how sound is made and how it travels. There will be lots of opportunity for making noise! After half term, we will be focusing on STATES OF MATTER and how they change when heated or cooled. We will also learn about evaporation and condensation and link this to the water cycle.



History/Geography

Our topic has a clear history focus for most of this term. We will learn about the key aspects of life in Roman Britain and some of the ways in which the Romans changed Britain.

We will look at the rise of the Roman Empire, learn about significant leaders and the importance of the Roman army.

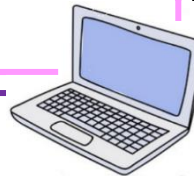
Shortly before Christmas, we will move onto our Geography topic, centred on the Amazon rainforest. More about this in our Spring newsletter!



Religious Education

We start our term by finding out about the Hindu festival of Diwali. This will culminate in a special festival day on **Monday 21st October**. More details to follow.

After half term, we will be finding out about pilgrimages in the Christian and Islamic faiths.



RRS

The children in Y4 will be revisiting what it means to be a Rights Respecting School. We will be looking at our whole school charter and will work on our own class charters to support this. After half term, we will be holding our school elections when everyone will have an opportunity to vote for their own class representative on our school RRS council.



Art & Design Technology

We will focus on Roman mosaics in our art lessons before looking at the work of contemporary mosaic artists. The children will design and make their own mosaic tile.

In DT, we will research chariot racing in the Colosseum before making our own chariots with working wheels and axles!



Other Subjects

Computing – using Word, Espresso Coding
 PE – Roman dance, dodgeball, touch rugby
 Music – Mamma Mia, BBC Time and Tune
 PSHE – Our communities, friendships
 Forest school sessions are always on Fridays. Please check the Y4 key dates letter sent out earlier this term to see when your class day is.

Enrichment Activities

Past Productions Roman workshop
Wed 9th & Thurs 10th October

Mount Cook Roman invader residential
Mon 11th – Tues 12th November

