



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 be revisiting our Fixing Full Stops strategies through 'The Spider and the Fly' (Mary Howitt) and 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers. The wonderful picture book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit will be used as a starting point for descriptive writing and reports about volcanoes. We will also enjoy listening to and creating our own image poetry. 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 understanding the composition of 1000 and place value in 4-digit numbers. We'll then look at the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, firstly using mental strategies and then moving on to the formal written methods for these. Towards the end of the term we will build on our year 3 statistics learning. We will be interpreting data, understanding data, then creating charts and graphs. You can help at home by practising the 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 times tables and by talking through calculations you come across in daily life.



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, (solids, liquids and gases) and how they change when heated or cooled. We will also learn about evaporation and condensation and link this to the water-cycle next term.



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.

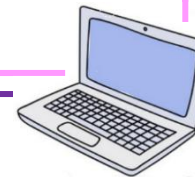
Shortly before Christmas, we will move onto our Geography topic, centred on the Amazon rainforest. More details about this topic will appear in our Spring overview!



Religious Education

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

After half term, we will be finding out about Jesus and Christian beliefs.



Other Subjects

Computing – Internet safety, editing images and Espresso Coding

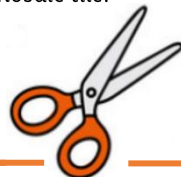
PE – OAA, touch rugby, Roman Dance, dodgeball

Music – Sing Up, BBC Time and Tune

PSHE – Our communities, the zones of regulation and friendship.

Forest school sessions are always on Wednesdays.

Please check the Y4 key dates letter to see when your class days are.



Art & Design Technology

We will focus on sketching in pencil and create 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!

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.

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.

Enrichment Activities

Past Productions Roman workshop at the end of October. No need to dress up! We will have a visiting Roman soldier in school who will spend half a day with each class.

Mount Cook Roman invader residential
Mon 16th – Tues 17th November

