



Autumn



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'When in Rome'. The children will be investigating the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Using a world map, the children will locate Italy and then identify where Rome is, which will lead on to them researching further into how Rome has changed today. We will then be investigating Roman invasions, using our map reading skills, locating the countries they invaded and discussing the possible reasons for invasion. In PE, the children will become Roman soldiers and put through their paces experiencing what training was like for the soldiers and then in small groups, they will create a dance about a Roman battle. The children will also be designing, making and evaluating Roman shields, Roman chariots and catapults in D & T. In Art, the children will be using a variety of skills to make Roman banners, sketch Roman artefacts and paint Roman gods. In Music, the children will be practising their singing skills learning Roman soldier chants and songs about everyday Roman life. In addition, the children will be investigating Roman entertainment using a range of resources and finally explore what the Roman Empire has given us and how some of these things are still implemented today.



English

During our lessons, we will be using a range of texts that link to our Roman topic to further our understanding. We will be writing detailed descriptions of battle scenes and completing a persuasive piece of writing about the rights of a Gladiator. This will allow us to use lots of adventurous vocabulary and a range of sentence types. The children will also be exploring texts and characters through the use of drama techniques such as: freeze frames, hot-seating and thought-tracking. This will lead us on to writing our own diary entry of a day in the life of a Roman. We will also use the film 'Night at the museum' as a stimulus for writing a setting description and a set of instructions about how to look after the museum.



At home you can support your child by:
Regularly listening to your child read at home.
Ask them a range of questions to deepen their understanding.

Science

This term, the children will be beginning their new topic, 'Animals including Humans.' We will be looking at the different types of teeth and their roles, creating a non-chronological report. The children will explore, through practical investigations, the importance of looking after your teeth and what kind of things damage teeth. To complete the unit, the children will explore food chains for both animals and humans.



Mathematics

This term we will begin by developing our knowledge of number and place value. Firstly, we will focus on recognising the place value of each digit in a range of numbers. During the term, we will learn to read Roman numerals up to 100 and investigate how the numeral system has changed over time. The children will also develop their knowledge of formal written methods for addition and subtraction and begin to apply this to real life problems. There will be a huge focus on the multiplication tables as by the end of Year 4, all children are expected to know them up to 12 x 12 off by heart. Learning them will greatly increase your child's speed when calculating.

If your child has access to a computer at home, they can log onto Mathletics to deepen their understanding of concepts taught in school.

Enrichment

- Library Workshop planned
- Forest school – day in the life of a Roman soldier

Important Dates & Information

A good attendance will ensure that your child will access all areas of work and achieve their potential.