

Year 4
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Newsletter



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English:

We will continue to improve our English skills through daily handwriting, grammar, punctuation and spelling sessions. Our English texts will be strongly linked with our humanities topic, the Roman Empire. Throughout the term we will be reading a range of Roman myths, focusing on the features and structure, leading to retelling and writing our own Roman myth. As the term develops, the children will be writing their own explanations on aspects of Roman Civilisation. The texts of focus will be Romulus and Remus in our myth unit, and How to Build a Roman Road as part of our explanation text unit.

Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

Throughout the year, we shall spend time looking at the different spelling rules and conventions and integrate these into our English work. In addition to this, the children will be given, on a weekly basis, with a set of words to learn at home and their common spelling pattern. These words will be tested on the following week. The words included in our spelling tests come from the national curriculum statutory list of words for Years 3 & the 4 which are based on spelling patterns. These can be found in children's homework book. In addition to our English work, where we focus on the text structure of writing, we will also spend time developing our punctuation and grammar skills. This will be through a combination of separate grammar and punctuation lessons and activities integrated into our main English sessions. Grammar, spelling and punctuation end-of-year expectations are available on your child's Ladders at Home account.

Reading:

Reading is delivered daily and pupils will get regular opportunities to read a variety of texts, as well as listening to the teacher read aloud. Our reading focus this term will be on inferring characters' feelings and thoughts based on what they say and do and justify with evidence as well as discussing the impact of language choices on the reader. Children are encouraged to read at home every day. Texts will be sent along with home learning.

Maths

This term children will continue to use Maths No Problem in order to consolidate their strategies for solving problems using place value. We will continue to work the progress we have already made our with multiplication and division skills of numbers up to three digit long. Soon after, we will be exploring relevant mathematical concepts including interpretation of graphs, fractions, and time. Children in year 4 are provided with work which aims to increase confidence while developing their mathematical skills at an appropriate level. Pupils are encouraged to practise their times tables, Times Table Rockstars can be used to help with this. Maths end-of-year expectations are available on your child's Ladder at Home account.

Humanities

The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

Throughout this topic pupils will gain an understanding of what the terms 'empire', 'settlement', 'migration', 'invasion' and 'conquest' mean. This will be taught through learning about where and when the Romans conquered their invasion of Britain and the impact of Roman life on Britain today. To support their learning, year 4 will have the opportunity to take part in a guided, virtual workshop with experts from the British Museum.

Art and DT

Our art project will link in with our humanities topic: The Romans. Children will be exploring and developing ideas as well as evaluating and developing their projects through creating a mosaic inspired by Roman architecture.

Science

Animals Including Humans

During the term year 4 will be taught to describe the functions of the different parts of the human digestive system. We will also examine different types of teeth in both humans and animals to discover their different functions. In addition to this, children will be constructing and interpreting a variety of different food chains which will help them to identify producers, predators and prey and how these structures create a healthy ecosystem.

States of Matter

During the term, year 4 will be studying states of matter. We will learn to categorise and describe materials based on their states and investigate changing states of matter. Additionally, we will examine the relationships between evaporation, condensation and precipitation within the water cycle.



Londinium - A Drawing of Roman London

Religious Education

Islam

This term the children will be exploring the significance of the Hajj pilgrimage, asking questions about why Muslims go on such a great journey as well as the stories and places associated with Hajj.

French

Children will continue to be taught French on Fridays. This term, the children will continue to work on reading and writing short sentences. They will be looking at the weather and 'how you can travel to different places. They will be taught to read and understand different weather phrases and they will have the opportunity to put together and present their own weather forecast. The children will also learn how to write short sentences about ways to travel to different countries and how to say them.

Music

The children will continue to be taught music by Miss Portman on a weekly basis on Wednesdays. This term in music the children will be looking Viking Sagas and we will also spend some time looking at Bhangra music and dance.

Computing

Year 4 will be consolidating their coding knowledge on debugging and loops as well as starting to look at conditionals. When we return to school they will start to look at Computer Aided Design. They will use a program called SketchUp combined with their maths and design knowledge to create their own arrow heads linked to the Romans humanities unit.

PE

At school, year 4 will continue to enjoy indoor PE lesson on a Friday and will focus on why exercise is an important part of our daily activities and to reflect on the physical learning that we do. Outdoor PE will be taught on Wednesdays.

At home, children will be sent a variety of activities they can complete at home. Links to workouts and exercises will be shared. These will be found on the P.E channel every Tuesday and Friday.