

Year 4 – Spring 1

English

This half term in English we will be focussing on how we can create an effective description. We will be using our topic of the Romans as a prompt before applying what we have learnt to write descriptions of different events. 4C will be reading Jeremy Strong's 'Roman On The Rampage' as their class novel whilst 4B will be reading 'Roman Rescue'. Both classes will be doing various tasks that link to these books. As always, regular reading is vital for children to make good progress with their reading skills and we recommend children read 3 times a week at home, with reading records being checked regularly in school.



Numeracy

Our maths lessons will follow the structure of the National Curriculum, with a particular focus on calculation skills, Roman numerals, shape and time.

It is important in Year 4 children have a secure understanding of their times tables, right up to 12x12. Any help at home towards this would be hugely beneficial towards your child's progress.



Computing

4 will enhance their research skills using the internet. They will be learning how to choose the most appropriate pieces of information for the task they face. We will then use this to create our own class website all about our topic, the Romans.

Science

Our science work for the half term focusses on sound. We will look at what sound is and how it travels, how we hear sound and how pitch and tempo can affect different sounds.

RE

RE this term will focus on Islam, learning all about how and where Muslims worship, the clothes they wear, the history of their religion and the importance of their religious festivals.

Music

This half term in music, 4C will be continuing to learn brass instruments whilst children in 4W will be learning how to use Boomwhackers to create different effective sounds.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is the Romans. We will be learning all about why the Romans invaded Britain and the effect they had on this country, even up to the present day. This will be supplemented with our exciting trip to Chester.



Art and Design

This half term we will be studying how the Romans created mosaics. We will use this as a stimulus to create our own pieces.

PE

We will continue to follow the 'Real PE' scheme this half term, where the children will learn about agility and co-ordination through team sports. This will then be worked into the games we play, which this term includes hockey.

French

We will be thinking about why we learn a foreign language as well as learning how to use a bilingual dictionary.

Design Technology

We will be using our design and making skills to create a 'Roman' shield. We will evaluate how effective they would be for a Roman style formation.