

Curriculum Overview for Year 4

English

As writers, the children will be writing their own newspaper reports about the murder of Julius Caesar. The children will also be writing their own mystery narrative based on the text The Thieves of Ostia.



As readers, the children will read a variety of texts based on our Topic of the Rise of the Roman Empire. These will include information texts, stories and explanation texts. The children will take part in class guided reading sessions where they will take turns to read parts of the text aloud and discuss their understanding of what they have read.

Art

As artists, the children will be learning about the history of Roman frescoes. They will practice sketching their Roman fresco designs before painting them onto wet plaster.

Computing

As coders, the children will use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

Rise of the Roman Empire



As mathematicians, the children will develop their understanding of Roman numerals, time, shape and place value of numbers with up to four digits.

Mathematics

The children will develop their understanding by using concrete apparatus, formal written methods and a variety of mathematical investigations.

Throughout the year, the children will continue to improve their understanding of the times tables up to 12x12 using the Tackling Tables cards and challenges

Modern Languages

French this year will be delivered by Madame Warnes on Friday mornings. As linguists, the children will develop their French vocabulary through songs and games. The children will also begin to learn more complex sentences and learn about French traditions and celebrations.

Music

As musicians, the children will be learning to play the recorder on Thursday mornings. They will be learning how to play the instrument as part of an ensemble and will learn to read musical notes.

Science

As scientists, the children will be learning about the human body, focusing particularly on the digestive system and teeth. We will also be looking at food chains.

History

As historians, the children will explore how, when and where the Roman Empire gained power. We will understand how the Romans lived, their entertainment, life as a soldier and much more.

Physical Education

As athletes, the children will learn the basic skills for basketball and Yoga. Yoga will be delivered by Penny on Friday mornings and PE by Mr Tranmer on Thursday afternoons.

Religious Education

As theologists, the children will learn about inspirational leaders and how these people have changed the lives of others.

Important Dates

Monday: Spellings handed out

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Recorder (AM), P.E. (indoors) with Mr Tranmer (PM), French with Madame Warnes (PM) Homework handed in and library books changed (if needed).

Friday: Times tables test and spelling test.

Homework

Year Four will be given weekly spellings that will be tested that Friday. Although we will focus on these in school, practice at home would be much appreciated.

The children will also be asked to complete a 'Learning Journal' as part of their homework. They will be asked to demonstrate their learning from literacy, numeracy or topic sessions that week, and they may choose their own way of doing so. Please see the front of their Learning Journal for further details and ideas.

Reading is an integral part to all learning. Please encourage your child to read independently, and when possible hear them read aloud. It is important that your child understands and can talk about what they are reading as well as decoding the words. Please use the suggested questions at the front of the reading record to help you with this.

Homework will be given on Fridays for completion by the following Thursday.

Useful Websites:

Literacy activities:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<http://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>

Maths activities:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://www.ukmt.org.uk/team-challenges/primary-team-maths-resources/>

Science activities:

<http://www.educationcity.com/uk/primary-schools/science>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkbbkqt>

If you have any questions or comments, please speak to me in the playground at the end of the day, or you can write a note in the reading diary. If you wish to discuss an issue in more depth, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

Mrs Foster

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