

Curriculum Overview for Year 4

English

As writers, the children will be exploring poetry, looking at Cadence calls and contemporary verse. We will then move onto explanation texts using all our knowledge of the Romans. Not only this but we will be exploring Roman fables and myths.

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 shall take turns to read parts of the text aloud and discuss their understanding of what they have read.

Art & Design

As artists, the children will be researching Roman mosaics and designing their own to represent their understanding. The children will then be crafting their own mosaics using tiles and plaster. The children will then be learning about the history or Roman frescoes by practicing their sketching, designing their own.

Computing

As technologists, the children will learn about word processing. The children have the opportunity to format images, use formatting tools to create an effective layout, use spellcheck, insert and format a table and change page layout.

Rise of the Roman Empire



Mathematics

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

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. Children will have daily times tables tests and will practise Tackling Tables on Tuesday.

Modern Languages

As linguists, the children will develop their French vocabulary through songs and games. The children will also explore the topic area of 'All around the world' and will continue to develop their vocabulary and confidence through more complex sentences.

Music

As musicians, the children will be delving into the world of African music by learning about the Watoto Choir. The children will also be able to watch the choir perform live on our school trip.

Science

As scientists, the children will be learning about Living things and their habitats. Then coming on to exploring the human body, focusing particularly on the digestive system and teeth.

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 develop their throwing, catching and running skills. As gymnasts the children will learn how to safely practice leaps, turns and rolls.

Religious Education

As theologians, the children will learn about inspirational leaders and how these people have changed the lives of others and how religion has influenced their own life.

Important Dates

Monday: Spellings handed out

Tuesday: Tackling tables tests

Wednesday and Friday: P.E. (outdoors/indoors)

Thursday: Homework handed in and library books changed (if needed).

Friday: Spelling test and homework handed out.

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>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q>

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 Bond

The Rise of the Roman Empire

Spring 1 & 2



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