



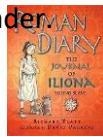
Ursula Taylor C of E School

Autumn Term in Year 4 we will be learning.....

English

For the first half term, we will be using two fabulous books to develop the children's writing and learn about Ancient Roman times. We will be writing stories based on the book *Escape from Pompeii* and will focus on using various description techniques to improve writing. We will then learn how to write in a diary style using the book *The Journal of Lliona* to inspire us. These texts will also give the children opportunities to use a range of punctuation such as commas, inverted commas and apostrophes.

After half term we will look at Non-Fiction texts and explore the book *Gut Garden: A Journey into the Wonderful World of your Microbe*. This writing, linked to our Science topic, will focus on structuring non-fiction texts and techniques used to engage our reader.



Maths

The children will be focusing on Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Measurement of Area and Multiplication & Division throughout the Autumn Term using the White Rose Hub scheme of learning. We will be comparing, ordering, rounding and partitioning numbers up to 10,000, using written formal methods the column method to add and subtract. We will also be teaching the children to estimate and check their answers. The children will be applying their knowledge of multiplication and addition to calculate the area of a range of shapes including compound shapes. The children will be consolidating their knowledge of previously learnt times tables and developing their understanding of the 6, 7 and 9 times tables. As well as this, they will be given daily fluency sessions to aid mental and written maths skills.



Religious Education

During the next term the focus in RE lessons will be about where, how and why people worship and The Trinity and why it is important to Christians.

Through discussions, the children will be drawing on their previous knowledge and understanding, to make comparisons between different religions and Christianity.

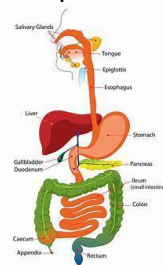
As well as this, children will be involved in Harvest and Christmas celebrations and thinking carefully about why these festivals hold great importance to Christians.



Science

Year 4 start the Autumn term by looking at The Human Digestive System, Teeth and Food Chains. They will have opportunities to explore and use a range of scientific vocabulary as well as participating in independent scientific investigations to help them consolidate their learning.

They will also be exploring electrical circuits and electrical conductors using a range of investigations. Children will be learning the symbols so that they are able to draw scientific diagrams to represent the circuits that they have made.



Our Topic

Our topic for this term is... The Romans.

Children will be exploring and investigating where The Romans came from, why they invaded Great Britain and lots more about them and the impact of their legacies, culture, religion and technology. Key Roman events will be plotted on a timeline to develop chronology skills. Different historical sources will be explored and compared to deduce information about The Romans.

We will also be making links to different areas of the curriculum such as English, Maths, History, Geography, Art and DT.



Things to Remember

Monday – Spelling Homework sent home and Spelling Test and new spellings/activity given. Reading Raffle tickets awarded for previous weeks reading.

Wednesday- Maths Homework sent home and handed in the following Wednesday (CGP Book).

Friday- English Homework sent home and handed in the following Friday (CGP Book).

PE

Both classes will have PE lessons on

Monday and **Tuesday**.

How Can You Help at Home?

- Daily reading and spelling practice on Spelling Shed.
- Regular times table practise up to 12 x 12 using TT Rockstars.
- Reading more challenging texts to your child and asking questions about characters and their feelings.
- Use pictures on Class Dojo to generate conversations about their learning .

P.E.

This term the focus for indoor PE sessions is Dance and Gymnastics. Outdoor PE will be Football and Hockey.

The children will be learning skills such as ball control and teamwork. Aswell as developing balance and choreography.

Computing

Using Purple Mash, Year 4 will be looking at e-safety to begin with in the Autumn Term.

The other units we will be covering are Coding and Spreadsheets. In coding the children will learn what a variable is and how to use further commands in programming. When learning about spreadsheets, children will model real life situations and use formulas to make calculations. Children will also have an opportunity to use Chromebooks for research.

Reading

We will have weekly whole class reading lessons reading and discussing the book Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman (a retelling of the story of Boudica). Individual readers will be heard regularly by class teachers and TAs. We will be holding a reading raffle for children that read at home x3 a week which will be drawn at the end of term. They will also be reading and using a range of non-fiction books about Ancient Rome



Our Values

Our values for this half term are:

- Joy and Friendship
- Hope and Patience

