

Year 4—Spring 1 Term Newsletter

Must bring to school every day:

- Reading folder
- Reading diary
- School bag
- Water bottle

Topic

Roaming Romans!

Traits

Hope, Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Teamwork, Humility and Judgement

Home Learning

- Reading—(10 minutes each day and write at least two entries in the diary each week—one from an adult)
- Times table Rockstars and/or Numbots
- Spellings—10 each week
- Spell Zone (additional spelling)

Communication

If you have any questions, please send me a message on Class Dojo



Important dates

14th January—Polka Theatre Trip.
Back to school at 4-4:15pm

Wednesday 4th February—Year 4
Assembly 3pm

11th February—Safer Internet Day

Children need to be in school at 8.30-8.45am each morning!

We start learning at 8.45am, when children come in after this time they miss the input to our first session.

Personally, Social, Character Development

Our focus traits for this term are: **Healthy Body, Hope, Healthy Mind, Teamwork, Judgement and Appreciation.** Please ask your children about them!

We will focus on a trait every week, linking them to our own experiences, BLP and ZoR. These sessions involve lots of discussion and a PSCD reflection where children are able to reflect on discussions and their own understanding.

History, Geography & Social Understanding

Our main focus this term is history and the impact the Romans had on Britain. We will look at where the Romans invaded, why they invaded different countries; in particular Britain, and how they changed Britain. We will look at resources and things that Britain has now because of the Romans- for example roads and cities.

In Geography this term we will learn about land settlements; how land settlements are formed, used and linked together and thinking about what human and physical features make land a good place to settle.

Science and Technological Understanding

Science this term will focus on Sound; including vibrations, how we hear sounds, pitches, soundproofing and making music!

Understanding the Arts

This term children will be taking part in the Great Bread Bake Off! At the end of term, we will be making our own bread, researching the history of bread and designing our own packaging as part of our Design Technology unit. In Music, we will be learning to read music on a staff as well as performing using our voices and instruments.



Roaming Romans

Computing

In our computing unit, we will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. Using Logo, a text-based programming language.

This unit is the first of the two programming units in Year 4, and looks at repetition and loops within programming.

Understanding English, Communication & Language

During Guided Reading and story times, we will be looking at texts such as 'Rotten Romans' and 'Romulus and Remus' as well as have a selection of books available in class for the children to look at.

Our extended write this term will be in the form of a letter of a Roman soldier writing home. We will also have a big focus this term on spelling - please use the spelling resources in your child's home learning diary to support them with their spelling.

Mathematical Understanding

This term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, learning how to multiply and divide 2 to 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. We will also develop our measurement and perimeter of shapes knowledge building on what we learnt last year.

We will continue to have a big focus on timetable facts in preparation for the statutory multiplication check in June. Please allow children to practice on Timestable Rockstar for at least 10 minutes per day.

Understanding Physical Health

The children will be having Gymnastics on Thursdays and Multi-Sport activities on Wednesdays.