

ENGLISH & LANGUAGE

ENGLISH: This term our class book will be *The Thieves of Ostia* by Caroline Lawrence; we'll be using this text to deepen the children's understanding of life in the Roman Empire and help them to further develop their use of inference and deduction. Mrs Hastings will be working with the children on ways to write persuasively when she teaches them on Wednesday mornings. The children will be learning more about instruction writing after half term and will be linking this to our work in science and history. There will continue to be a significant focus on the teaching and learning of spelling alongside the use of grammar and punctuation.

FRENCH: The children will be learning about different aspects of life in France, including schools, and will be extending their knowledge of both spoken and written vocabulary through songs and games.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will be using the school's new maths scheme of work, Power Maths, this is based on a Mastery approach to teaching. We will be learning about:

- Area and perimeter
- Roman numerals
- Writing fractions with different denominators with a total of one and recognising decimal and fraction equivalents
- Solving written addition of two 4-digit numbers; adding amounts of money (pounds and pence) using column addition
- Using column subtraction to calculate change
- Solving word problems choosing an appropriate method
- Multiplication and division of three-digit numbers
- Drawing and interpreting bar graphs and pictograms

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 4 will be exploring the question, 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?' We will be revisiting what Christians believe happened at Pentecost and exploring the role of the Holy Spirit; deepening the children's understanding based on last year's exploration of this subject. We will also be exploring the question, 'Is a holy journey necessary for believers?' We will be learning about both Christian and Hindu pilgrimages and children will have the opportunity to share their experiences of holy journeys.

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UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS

MUSIC: We will be continuing to learn the violin on Wednesdays; it would be very helpful if violins could go home each week to facilitate practice. We will also be learning and performing music for the KS2 summer production.

ART: We will be learning about Celtic art and producing art inspired by our research. We will also be researching Roman mosaics; this will include looking at how they were designed and made and finding out the types of subjects most commonly represented in mosaics.

UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & WELLBEING

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

The children will be improving their athletic skills on Monday afternoons and will be developing their dance skills on Friday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school and that, if they need an inhaler, it is in class throughout the week; many thanks.

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

SCIENCE: Year 4 will be learning about Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison and Michael Faraday's contribution to our understanding of electricity. They will also be learning about conducting and insulating materials and designing and making their own circuits. We will also be learning about the properties of liquids, gases and solids, as part of our work on states of matter, and learning about reversible and irreversible changes.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: We will be designing and making simple games based on circuits in small groups (this will link to our work in science). We are also planning to design and make a healthy, balanced vegetarian main meal.

COMPUTING: We will be developing their understanding of the program Scratch and will be using it to design a maths quiz. We will also be learning about and using Green Screen technology. Please encourage your children to use Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars online.

HISTORICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL & SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING

HISTORY: The focus this term will be on finding out about why the Romans invaded and settled in Britain and what life was like at this time. We will be researching how life changed for the Celts after the Roman invasion. We will be learning about the historical figures Julius Caesar, Boudicca and Caratacus. On 21st May we will be taking part in a Roman day at school (details to follow!)

GEOGRAPHY: Will be creating mini-topics about modern Italy. Initially the children will use the library and the internet to learn about an aspect of Italy; they will then present what they have learnt using either Keynote or PowerPoint and will share this with the rest of the class.

PSHE/SEAL: Using the SEAL programme we will be focusing on the topics 'Relationships' and 'Changes'. The children will also continue their thinking and learning skills through our Grow Your Brain sessions.