

English

In English this half term we will be reading 'Roman Invasion (My Story)' by Jim Eldridge to inspire our writing. We will be a newspaper report about Boudicca's rebellion and write an historical recount about Britain's invasion by Claudius. We will be identifying themes, asking questions and retelling stories orally in reading lessons. Please ensure you are reading at home every night to help with your fluency.

Maths

In maths this half term we will begin by focusing on mental strategies in addition and subtraction and place value. We will be focusing on learning and using multiplication and division facts in solving more advance problems. We will be learning how to tell the time and calculate time intervals. Lastly, we will focus on written addition and subtraction methods.

Science

In science this half term we will be learning about sound. We will be investigating how different materials can affect the pitch and volume of sound. We will compare sources of sound and explain how the sounds differ. We will be finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and the object that produce it. We will be able to recognise and explain why sound gets fainter and louder according to distance.



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Topic

In our topic lessons this half term we will be doing geography, history and art.

In geography we will be learning about local changes over time. We will be finding the same places on a globe, in an atlas and in aerial photographs. Then we will label what we can see and how it has changed.

In history we will be finding out about how the Roman invasion has helped to shape our lives today. We will be sequencing events that have happened in British history. We will also learn about Boudicca's rebellion and compare the lives of an Emperor to a Celt.

In art we will be learning about drawing. We will begin by learning how to draw simple objects (a Roman shield) using marks and lines to produce texture. We will then be learning how to use line, tone, shape and colour to draw a moving person (a Roman soldier during battle).

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Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Autumn 1

"How did the Romans shape Britain today?"

Enrichment: Museum of London & Synagogue

PE: Wednesday & Thursday/ Friday

Homework: Issued on Fridays and due in on Tuesdays. Spelling test every Friday.

RE

In RE this half term we will be learning about Judaism. We will be learning about the stories and symbolisms of Passover and Sukkot. We will find out how Jewish people celebrate the religious festivals.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be discussing our families and the people who care for us. We will be learning that a stable, caring relationship is at the heart of a happy home.

French

Learning basic greetings in French by listening and responding.

Suggested books to read

Roman Invasion (My Story) by Jim Eldridge

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit

Roman Diary: The Journal of LLiona (A young slave) by Richard Platt

Diary of Dorkius Maximus by Tim Collins

Suggested places to visit

Please go and visit the British Museum to see some Roman artefacts. You could also visit The Roman Fort of Londinium or The London Wall if you are interested in seeing some Roman ruins.

Suggested websites to visit

BBC Bitesize, YouTube, Primary homework help