



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 4

Half Term 1

Topic: The Romans



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

| | At School | At Home |
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| English | <p>In English, Year 4 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through fiction texts including; A River, Red and Dog. We will explore writing our own version of a familiar narrative and focus particularly on character description.</p> <p>During this half term, we will also be looking at fiction and nonfiction texts to build more confidence in answering a range of retrieval questions. This means children will use the text to find factual information to answer the question and developing their skills to skim and scan the text.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. • Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading. • Encourage your child to seize as many writing opportunities as possible. |
| Maths | <p>In Maths, the class will start by extending their knowledge of place value by identifying the value of digits of numbers up to 10, 000, counting forwards and backwards from any given number within 10,000, reading and writing numbers in words and digits within 1000 and comparing and ordering numbers using symbols. The children are expected to read and write Roman Numerals up to the value of 100.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to revise 1, 2, 5, 8, 10 times tables. • Count in 25s. |
| Science | <p>In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic 'Animals Including Humans' and Jill Robinson the famous animal activist. Specifically, we will be learning how the body digests food, the names and functions of types of teeth and how living things are positioned in a food chain.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the different types of teeth and their functions • Talk about oral hygiene. How do we keep our mouth healthy? |
| History | <p>In History, Year 3 will be learning about the three phases of The Romans. We will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain and the building of Hadrian's Wall. We will be visiting Binchester Roman Fort later in the term.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk at home about the Romans. Can they retell any facts? |
| Geography | <p>In Geography this half term, pupils will be exploring rivers. The children will learn where water comes from and the features of a river from source to mouth.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at home rivers you have seen or visited. |
| Art | <p>In Art, pupils will look at drawing. We will consider a variety of drawing techniques to create art work based around shading, expression and from different perspectives, using scaling to help proportion drawings.</p> <p>We will use a variety of tools including pencils of different grades, charcoal, biro ink, chalk pastels and oil pastels.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at different art work created by drawing • Discuss our 3 artists – Christopher Wren, Henry Moore and Jackson Pollock |

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| PE | In PE, we will be focusing on football and lacrosse. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. • Encourage your child to control a ball around objects using different parts of their foot. |
| RE | In RE, pupils will be answering the learning question "Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?" The children will study the events of Holy Week and explore parables to consider the importance of Jesus in some people's lives. Whilst doing so, children will be encouraged to reflect on their own role models, expressing their opinions on religion and faith. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss different beliefs about God and Jesus • Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt. |
| Latin | In Year 4, Children will continue to learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, children will start to read and form simple sentences in Latin. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask children which new Latin words they have learnt that week. |
| Computer Science and IT | Children will learn about computing systems and networks. They will learn about the internet, how it works and how we are able to access the internet all over the world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the internet at home. Can they recall any facts? |
| Online Safety | Children in Year 4 will learn how they can access places online. They will use laptops in class to access ICT lessons and online learning websites as well as other lessons across the curriculum. During these lessons, children will be made aware of the rules they need to follow to remain safe while using the internet. The children will have online safety lessons to teach them how to be safe online and what to do if something makes them feel unsafe. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home. |
| Personal, Social and Health Education | In PSHE, your child will look at the topics 'My body, my health' and 'People who help me'. In the first topic, we will learn how and why we grow in size as we get older. In the second topic, we will develop an understanding of who we can trust and what to do if we feel worried or need help. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss healthy food and benefits of exercise. |
| Virtue | Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice. Our virtue for this half term is kindness . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what kindness means and how we can be kind to others inside, and out of, school. |