

Curriculum Overview for Year 4

Spring 1

Our theme for this term is 'Researching the Romans'

Here is a list of what your child will be learning this half term:

English core books: How Does a Lighthouse Work by Roman Belyaev, Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman, and Cloud Soup by Kate Wakeling

Maths: Multiplication and 7 times tables

Science: Living things and their habitats

History: Study the impact the Roman Empire had on Britain

RE: Marriage Ceremonies

PE: OAA and Health and Fitness

Music: Reading music notes (notation)

DT: Ancient Roman Treasure Boxes

Computing: Building and coding a physical device (Lego WeDo)

Spanish- Animals

UNCRC: Article# 19- The right to be protected from harm and to be safe

SDG Focus: Good Health and Well Being - SDG 3

Online safety focus: Keeping personal data safe when using the internet.

PSHCE lessons will focus on emotional wellbeing and will be a space to discuss global/local/school issues as they arise.

School Trips: We will be visiting Roman heritages.

Emergency Issues (medicines/phone numbers etc)

Please ensure that the office is informed of any medical needs/allergies your child may have. It is essential that we have an up to date record. Please also make sure we have your up to date mobile number in case of an emergency with your child.

Break Times

Please make sure children are sent to school with a refillable water bottle.

PE

PE will be on a **Wednesday** morning. Please make sure your child brings their full **Chesterton** PE kit (including black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in colder weather) and suitable trainers on this day. The PE uniform includes a white polo shirt, black plimsolls/trainers and school PE shorts/plain black jogging bottoms.

Maths

During this half term we are continuing to develop our understanding of multiplications tables with a focus on the 7 times table and revising the 3, 6, and 9 times tables:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

At the end of the year all Year 4 pupils will sit an online test on their knowledge of multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Practice tests are available here:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

English

Please continue to read at home every day!

Spelling homework is to be completed in yellow spelling homework books throughout the week.

History

Can you find the answers to these key questions?

How long did the Roman Empire last? (Can you write this in Roman Numerals)

What three periods was it divided into?

List as many major inventions of the Romans that are still in use today?

What caused the fall of the Roman Empire, in your opinion?

Who was Hannibal and why is he famous?

Who were the Roman Gods/Goddesses and what were their Greek parallels?

Complete any of the tasks on this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqtf34j>

Make your own Legionaries' shield:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4MKqho8cSM>

Home Learning

Science

Living things and their Habitats

How many habitats can you find? For example in Battersea Park.

What food chains can you find in your local area, list them with pictures for example:

grass -> worm -> robin -> cat

DT

In Design and Technology we will be building treasure boxes using inspiration from the ancient Romans. Pupils could extend their learning at home by practising measuring in centimetres or inches. By exploring different mechanisms for closing and fastening such as those found on cupboards or jewellery boxes.

Pupils could also use empty cereal/shoe boxes to explore nets (seeing if they can take apart the box and put it back together again).