

Autumn 2021– Curriculum News

September 2021

We hope you had a tremendous summer and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the year ahead.

We begin our term with a History focus on Ancient Rome. We will be learning about who the Romans were and what their everyday life was like. We will find out where this historical period is placed alongside the chronology of other historical periods the children know. The children will explore the Roman's development of technology and discover the significance of Queen Boudica. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about living things and their habitats to understand how living things are classified and what characterises the various groups of species living on our planet. After half term, we move on to the topic of Electricity. Our Geography lessons will focus on how the water cycle works and what affects it. In Computing, we will be learning how to stay safe online and we will also begin our journey finding out how to use ipads in the classroom to support and enrich our learning. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on 'Being Me in My World', which explores how we fit into our communities and the importance of rules. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In our R.E lessons, we will be exploring Buddhism and the pursuit of happiness.

Year 4 staff

Mr Marsh (Mon, Tues and Fri)

Miss Jones (Weds and Thurs)
Mexico class

Miss Morgan
Morocco Class

Mr Newson
Mrs Cragg
PPA Cover

Miss Eagles
Trainee Teacher

Mrs Cunningham
Mrs Fitchett
Learning Support Assistants



English

Children will be exploring lots of different genres within our Roman topic, to include retrieving information from non-fiction texts to write a detailed report, poetry, writing an adventure story and a non-chronological report.



Reading

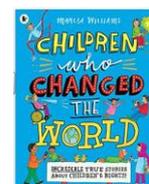
Children will be given regular opportunities to independently change their colour banded or 'free reader' books. Please listen to your child **read at least 3 times a week** and record this, with a signature, in your child's reading log. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home.



Mathematics

Children will explore number and place value this term, working with numbers with up to 4 digits. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Formal methods will be used for addition and subtraction as well as consolidating mental strategies. Children will continue with their times table this year, however they will take the government's multiplication table check where they will need to know all of the multiplication tables up to 12 and be able to respond with an answer within 6 seconds. Any support you can give at home would greatly help your child to be fully prepared for this. Frequent use of Times Table Rock Stars is highly recommended.

Recommended Read



'Children who Changed the World' by Marcia Williams. Be inspired by the true stories of



Rainbow Challenges

Make a musical instrument
Create and build your own Roman colosseum

Write a visitor guide to your country
When doing your daily exercise, listen to the sounds around you and try to recreate these sounds at home. Challenge: can you experiment with the volume and pitch?

Create your own times table poster
Create a Roman invasion scene



Home Learning

From Friday 17th September, your child will be given a weekly piece of vocabulary homework AND a maths OR English task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will also have a new set of spellings to learn each week related to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie and recorded in reading logs. These will be tested on Fridays within sentences.



PE

PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct P.E kit on both of these days. Warm clothes will be needed; this includes a dark coloured jumper as children should not wear their school jumper for P.E. Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back for safety reasons.