



Year 3/4 Newsletter

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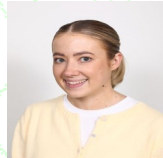


The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

Class 4

Class 5

Class 7



Mr Gamble (Phase Leader) Miss Nodding Mrs Wilson-Hill Miss Bourne Mrs Jackson Mr Kerr Mr Maldonado Mrs Phelan

English

This half-term we are using the book 'Julius Caesar' by Rachel Firth to learn about his life and how, and why, he became a key figure from the Roman Era. First, we will write a diary from Caesar's perspective detailing his second invasion of Britain in 54 BCE. After that, using the same book, we will learn about the events which led up to his assassination in 44 BCE. We will then use these key events and facts to write a historical narrative detailing Caesar's final moments.

Maths

Over the coming weeks Year 3/4 will be learning all about multiplication and division as well as fractions and decimals. The children will learn how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using their knowledge of times tables and then learn a method for solving division problems. We will then move on to exploring how to recognise unit fractions of shapes, groups and numbers, and will be increasing our understanding of adding and subtracting fractions and how to find equivalent fractions.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time and record it in your child's reading diary.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



Topic - Romans - History and Geography

Our new topic is the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, focusing this half-term on its early invasions of Britain. We will learn about Roman soldiers, important historical figures and events and how the Empire grew across Europe. We will use maps, atlases, globes and computer mapping to locate countries in the Roman Empire and how the area they controlled changed over time.

Science

This half-term we are learning about 'Animals - including humans.' We will learn that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition and, unlike plants, how they cannot make their own food so need to get nutrition from what they eat. We will be able to identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement and how our muscles act in pairs. As part of our work, we will be asking relevant questions, gather and record our findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. We will also identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.

Computing

This half-term our work is all about computer science and programming bee-bots. We will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts.

Art

We will be learning how to create Roman mosaics to create images of mythical sea creatures from the 1st Century. We will use the tiles carefully, thinking about patterns to create an outline.

PE

We are learning gymnastics on Tuesdays and will be creating paired sequences which demonstrate symmetry and balance. Year 3 will also be learning hockey on Wednesdays whilst Year 4 pupils continue their swimming sessions.

MFL - French

Our French topic is 'On the Move' where we will begin to use our growing vocabulary to engage in conversations, ask and answer questions and express opinions whilst developing accurate pronunciation and intonation.

PSHE

Year 3: Relationships - families, family life, caring for each other. Our key question is 'What are families like?'

Year 4: Health and Wellbeing - expressing feelings and emotions. Our key question is 'How can we manage our feelings?'

DT and Food Tech

In woodwork, pupils will be creating their own Roman shields. As well as designing and evaluating their product, pupils will work on their technical skills with tools. In Food Tech, we are using a range of ingredients to bake Roman apple cake.

RE

We will be learning about Islam with a focus on how the five pillars of Islam guide Muslims.

Forest School

We will be learning how to make fire to make Roman tea and bread at the fire pit.

Music

We'll learn to play different chords on the ukulele to perform Roman songs.

Important Dates...

- 10.1.25 – Year 4 Robinwood Payment Deadline.
- W/c 3.2.25—Children's Mental Health Week.
- 14.2.25 - School closes for February half-term holiday.

