



Year 4 - Swans



Welcome to Swans! We are so excited to welcome you back to school. We are going to do our best to establish new routines quickly and effectively so we can engage in our learning as swiftly as we can. Our topic this half term is called 'I Am Warrior' and focuses on the Romans. This topic has an historical focus, covering the following aspects:

- Who the Romans were, where they appeared in a historical timeline and when they invaded
- Why the Romans invaded and why they settled here
- What life was like in Roman Britain under the influence of the Roman Empire
- Roman soldiers, the weapons they used, and what their life was like
- How the Roman invasion was seen by the Celts – looking at the rebellion led by Boudica

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on Place Value, and Addition and Subtraction. We will continue to learn our multiplication tables on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to do a little practise at home. Remember, they have access to Times Tables Rock Stars as a learning tool.
- Our English will link to our topic work where we will be writing instructions about what the Romans created; as well as writing our own Roman historical narratives, a play script and a soliloquy based on a Roman or Celt warrior before battle.
- We will be reading daily as a whole class for 30 minutes, following the VIPERS system – this focuses on developing a range of comprehension skills. In addition, please ensure that your child reads daily (some of this period reading to an adult). When reading, please encourage discussion and understanding. In fiction texts, think about the characters, settings and plot. For non-fiction, look at the features of non-fiction such as using the index, glossary, captions etc.
- PE will be based outside and we will be participating in Athletics and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. These will be completed with minimal equipment. Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday.
PE kit is: coloured team t-shirt (plain – no slogans), black shorts, trainers. Longer hair must be tied up and NO JEWELLERY OR WATCHES. They will also need a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms in case the weather is colder or a little wet. It is essential that the children have their kit in school EVERY DAY. The children will bring their kit home on a Friday to be washed.
- In Music, our focus will be to listen & reflect on a piece of orchestral music and create our own pieces of music.
- In Science, we will be studying animals, including humans, with a focus on grouping and classification, and how the environment can impact on living things.
- In RE, we will be looking at where, how and why people worship.
- In ICT, we will be looking at E-safety.
- In PSCH, our focus is 'Being Me in My World'.
- In Art, our work will mostly be based around the Romans with a particular focus on soldiers. We will look at Roman mosaic designs, Roman jewellery and Roman shields. We will create a Roman soldier sculpture, inspired by the sculptor, Alberto Giacometti.
- In Geography, we will compare Britain to Italy and look at locational information

As well as Mrs Litchfield, the class teacher, our teaching team includes Mrs Ahern and Miss Goldsmith who will both support in the classroom. On Wednesday afternoons during Mrs Litchfield's non-contact time, the class will be taught by Mrs Campbell.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring half term. Although we are unable to accommodate face to face meetings or drop ins, please email or telephone the school if there is anything you wish to discuss concerning your child and we will do our absolute best to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Litchfield & the Year 4 team