



Year 4

Autumn Term 2018

Literacy

In Literacy, we will look at the traditional story of Romulus and Remus and are using the story as a basis for our own historical stories. We will be reading the *Thieves of Ostia (Roman Mystery series)* by Caroline Lawrence: she will be visiting us on Monday 8th October for a day full of Roman facts and inspiring us with her author talk. In reading, we will predict what will happen, answer a range of different questions from the text including retrieval questions, questions where we need to interpret answers and questions about the author's choice of words and ideas. We will also then use the book to help write our historical stories as part of 'Writing to Entertain'. After half term we will be focusing on information text ('Writing to Inform') about Gladiators and the Coliseum and using them to write our own non-chronological reports and newspaper articles. Please continue to hear your child read regularly and sign their diaries at least 5 times a week in order to collect reading awards.

Mathematics

Our class focus will be counting in multiples of 6, 7, 8, 9, 25 and 100. We will understand the value of all the digits in a four digit number and will be able to partition then into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. We will build on this knowledge to help us add and subtract with four digit numbers and multiply and divide up to four digit numbers by a one or two digit numbers. We then apply our skills through solving one and two step problems in contexts, such as money and measures. There will be weekly maths homework and a weekly mental maths test. Please practise times tables with your child up to 12 x 12.



The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain.

We will be studying the Romans for the whole of the Autumn Term. We will study how the Roman Empire grew, features of everyday Roman life, why the Romans came to Britain, what they found when they got here and how they influenced life in Britain even to this day. We will have a Roman day after half term (date to follow) where the children can dress in Roman costumes, speak Latin, use Roman Numerals to complete their maths, have a Roman feast and make Roman vases and mosaics.

RE

In RE, we will be studying Judaism. We will be learning about key people in Judaism, the importance of sacred writing and how these writings are used in prayer. We will be visiting Wimbledon Synagogue after half term as part of our topic. We will make also make comparisons to Christianity and other religions.

Art & DT

We will be designing and making our own Roman shields, making and decorating a Roman vase, creating mosaic pictures, sketching Roman monuments and creating a 3-d temple.



ICT

In ICT we will be designing a toy that can move and learning how to view, edit and change existing wikis.

We will also create our own wiki within our class.

Science

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How animals can be classified into groups and features each group has in common.
- The differences between living and non-living organisms.
- How human teeth compare to animal teeth
- How our body uses food and water.
- Features and purposes of parts of the digestive system.

PSHE

In PSHE our topics are 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and falling out'. We will think about how it feels to be in new situations and also how we can identify and understand our emotions. We will think about how to treat our friends and how to resolve situations.

We will ask questions and discuss them in groups.

PE The children will be focusing on developing their cognitive skills with a physical focus on coordination (ball skills and agility: reaction and response). In gymnastics we will be developing our balancing, turning and rolling skills. They will be working with a partner to sequence together a number of movements.

Reminders:

Twitter: @BrookfieldSM3. Check here for regular updates.

Topaz Natural History Museum: 25/9/17

Amethyst Natural History Museum: 27/9/17

Topaz Wimbledon Synagogue: Details to follow

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If you are available to listen to readers, help out on school trips, or if you have knowledge of any of our topics that you would be willing to share with Year 4 please speak to your child's class teacher.