

English

We will begin our half term by looking at stories with historical settings. We will read a variety of short stories before focusing on 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will consider the different features of these stories, before investigating characters and the settings. Once we have completed this topic, we will move on to looking at the features of a newspaper before writing our own Roman newspaper article. Finally, we will complete focused lessons on different aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

History

Our history topic will aim to answer the question: 'Why were the Romans so powerful and what did we learn from them?' We will start this term by placing the Roman's on a timeline and investigating key events and important people including Boudicca and Julius Caesar. We will then research the legacy of the Romans and how they influenced our lives today.

Maths

This term the children will be working on 'Number'. This will include place value, ordering numbers and rounding numbers. Children will also focus on using and applying addition and subtraction methods, which will include both mental and written strategies.

They will continue to learn their times tables with this year's focus on: 6, 7, 8 and 9 times table, and the corresponding division facts. Children will be tested once a week during PPA on the times tables they are working on.

R.E

This term we will explore Sikhism and find out who the Sikhs are and what they believe. We will be focusing on celebrating special occasions. We will look at how Sikhs celebrate births, weddings and other special occasions.

Music

This year we will be learning to play Ukuleles. We will have weekly lessons in which we will learn notes, chords and songs.

Year 4



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Autumn 1

PE

This half term we will be focusing on 'Speed, Agility and Quickness'. Please ensure your child brings a full P.E. kit and water bottle to school.

PSHE

This year we will be attending lots of mindfulness assemblies throughout the year and having a special mindfulness afternoon every Wednesday. The topic this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will also practice breathing techniques and peer massages throughout the week.

Science

This term we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will be classifying materials into solids, liquids and gasses and researching Joseph Priestley and his invention. We will investigate how materials can change state through experiments and investigating 'Where do puddles go?' By the end of the topic we will be making our own 'mini world in a cup' exploring how the water cycle works.

Computing:

This term we will be learning all about coding through our new topic 'Coding, robotics and gaming'. We will use the 'Hour of Code' website to recap our skills from last year and then progress to creating an escape game using the programme: Scratch.

Design and technology

This term the children will become architects. They will use the Serpentine Pavilion in Hyde Park as their inspiration and by the end of the term they will have designed their own pavilion for Walton Hall Park. After designing their pavilion they will then create a 3D model and finally use Tinkercad to create a digital model.

[Remember a water bottle and a healthy snack for playtime.](#)