



Year 4 Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2019

English

This term we will be reading a variety of Roman myths and legends such as Romulus and Remus. We will explore the features of non-chronological reports and produce reports based on the Romans. Afterwards, we will move on to persuasive writing.

After half term, we will start our class novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. In SPAG sessions, we will focus on expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, subordinating conjunctions, and pronouns.

Maths

We will be looking at number and place value this term, which includes the value of numbers beyond 1000: adding and subtracting with larger numbers; developing written methods for addition and subtraction including the application of reasoning and problem solving. Throughout the year we will be practising our times tables in preparation for the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) at the end of the year.

PE

In P.E we will be looking at invasion games, with a focus on football skills. In the second half term, the children will practise rolling and balancing with control in gymnastics. They will develop their movements into increasingly complex sequences.

History/Geography:

In History, the topic for the year is the Romans. We will learn about the life and culture of Ancient Rome, famous battles, and what the Romans did in County Durham. In geography we will build on the basic identification of the location of all the continents in KS1, to a depth of study of Europe. We will also be looking at the environmental regions of Europe, their physical characteristics, vegetation belts, rivers and mountains.

Science

This half term begins with the children learning about electricity, understanding circuits and their components. This will result in the children creating their own electrical circuit game. After the half term, we will learn about states of matter, which includes the water cycle.

PSHCE

In PSHCE, we will be looking at health and well-being, including mindfulness and self-awareness.

RE

In R.E we will ask: How and why do religious people show care for others? We will ask this question in relation to the religion of Islam, where children will learn about Islamic practices and traditions. Our Christmas unit looks at why Christians call Jesus the Light of the World?

Computing

In computing, the children will learn about how to keep themselves safe online, and then after half term we will look at basic computer skills, including PowerPoint.

Art and Design

Linked to our history topic, the children will research, design and create Roman weapons. The children will explore and use a range of techniques and skills. Running up to Christmas, the children will carry out the same process to create LED cards.

Music

The children will learn to sing and use percussion instruments in the context of the topic 'Mamma Mia'. This will culminate in a final, whole class performance.