

Year 4 Curriculum News Autumn 2019

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Our Topic this term is – Our topics in History and Geography this term are: **How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain? How does Mount Etna affect the lives of the people living around it?**

English

This term, we will be covering a range of fiction and non-fiction writing styles. Our first unit is a devastation story based on the picture book 'Flood' where we will be focusing on developing vocabulary. We then study persuasion by creating a 'Join the Roman Army' brochure. Following this, we learn how to write a newspaper article, where we focus on the structural aspects of a non-fiction piece of writing. We then write a narrative from a first-person perspective. We also have separate lessons for handwriting, spelling and grammar which we expect children to apply in all their writing.

Mathematics

To start the term, the children will build on their understanding of place value and number. This will include reading and writing 4-digit numbers, comparing and ordering them and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Our next unit is addition and subtraction during which the children will develop a written method of calculation. Later in the term, we will study length and perimeter of 2d shapes before the children learn their 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

Science

Our first unit of science this half term will focus on scientific enquiry where we will look at how to be a good scientist. In the second half term, we will learn about electricity. As part of this unit of work, the children will be investigating how to use fruit as a power source to create an electric circuit which may include bulbs, switches and buzzers.

Art / DT

Within art this term, the children will initially be focusing on developing their sketching skills. They will also create mosaic prints, linked to our Roman topic.

Computing

During these lessons, the children will learn how to code using Purple Mash and their coding platform. In these lessons, the children will learn how to write and debug a programme.

History / Geography

The theme for History this term is 'How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?' We will be focusing on key questions such as 'Why was Roman so powerful?' and 'What legacy did the Romans leave behind in Britain?' In Geography we will be asking 'How does Mount Etna affect the lives of the people living around it?'

P.E.

Two classes this term will be attending weekly swimming lessons at the Rushden Splash swimming pool. This will swap after Christmas. PE lessons in school will focus on skills taught through the Real PE scheme of work.

P.S.H.E.

Our PSHE units this term are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. Through these units, we look at what attributes we have as an individual and how we can contribute to a team as well as looking at the differences between ourselves and others.

R.E.

Our first unit in RE will be looking at the Sikh religion where we will look at the Sikh place of worship. Our second unit of RE will look at the Christmas story.

Homework

Spellings:

- 10 spellings to practise each week – use different methods to practise these
- Tested on these 10 spellings each Friday.
- All 40 words tested at the end of a 4-week period.

Maths:

- Practise times tables as much as possible using the TT Rock Stars website.
- Each week teachers will set a mathematics activity for children to complete which will be linked to concepts they have learnt that week or revision of previous skills.

Reading:

- Read at least three times a week with your child and sign in their reading record or planner.
- All children are expected to take an Accelerated Reader quiz at least every other week.

Topic:

- Children will have activities to complete throughout each half term.

Important Dates

- 25th September – individual photos
- Parents evening:
 - Monday 21st October
 - Wednesday 23rd October
- 24th October – Year 3 / 4
- 17th December – Pantomime

PE Days

- 4HG Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday
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- 4CB Tuesday and Wednesday
- 4EW Tuesday and Wednesday

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