

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2020/21



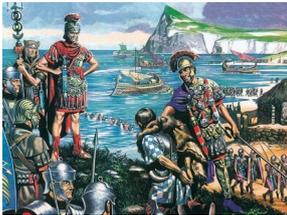
ENGAGE

INSPIRE

EMPOWER

Our topic this term is:

ROMAN RULE



Duing this topic the children will:

Use primary and secondary sources of information to learn about whom the Romans were and where they came from as well as identify features of Roman entertainment, Roman gladiators, the Roman Army and the main Emperors of Rome.

Explore key concepts related to 'invading' and 'settling'.

Understand what made the Roman Army so powerful and formidable.

Understand the factors that led to the fall of the Roman Empire.

Identify how the Romans have influenced our lives today.

Explore the impact of Roman beliefs in relation to Roman Gods.

Design and make a Roman shield.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place over the phone. If you would like to book a consultation to discuss your child's progress, you can do so on our class pages on the website.

Class teachers can now be contacted by email on:

lilac@jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk

maple@jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk

- Friday 18th December— End of Term — Finishing times to be confirmed nearer the time
- Friday 13th November— Children in Need. Wear spots for a £1!

Homework

As part of their homework, Year 2 will continue to do POWER Projects linked to our topics. Any work that has been completed can be sent to the class teachers email address:

[**lilac@jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk**](mailto:lilac@jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk)

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Our weekly spelling test will continue to take place on Mondays.

The Year 4 Team:

Lilac Class Teacher: Ashleigh Endacott

Maple Class Teacher: Peter Rutherford

PPA Teachers: Ruth Deer and Nursel Deniz

Support Staff: Fatima, Marian, and Wendy

Maths

Mathematical Development

Please see below for a week by week overview of the maths areas that we will be covering this half term:

Week 1– Recall multiplication and division facts for tables up to 12x12.

Week 2– Recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.

Week 3 - .Multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using formal written layout.

Week 4 - Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in cm and m.

Week 5 - Interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including: bar charts and time graphs

Week 6-7– Recap and consolidate learning from Autumn term.

English

Our literacy lessons this half-term will focus around William Shakespeare's Macbeth.

The children will have the opportunity to watch a live performance of the play and will be planning and writing across several genres.

We will continue to have daily reading lessons in which we will be focusing on different reading skills.

We also have a dedicated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lesson each week. This half-term, these sessions will focus on using subordinate clauses, fronted adverbials and commas.

Science

Our Science topic for this half-term is States of Matter. We will be learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases and carrying out investigations into changing states of matter.

Humanities and Topic

History

During topic we will be learning about the Roman army, the importance of Gladiators and the Colosseum in Rome and the influence of different Roman emperors.

Art/DT

This half-term the children will design and make Roman shields

Computing

In computing this half-term we will be developing our coding skills and working towards creating simple animations using the Scratch platform.

PE

This half term in PE, the children will be doing Dance. They will be given the chance to investigate travelling around a space individually and in groups.

Please make sure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their PE day. As they will be in their kit all day it is best if they have long tracksuit bottoms or leggings so they do not freeze at lunch time.

Lilac—Thursdays

Maple—Wednesdays