

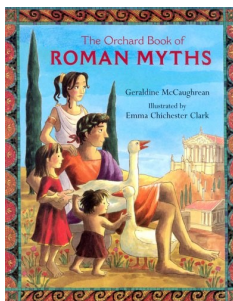


Curriculum News

Autumn 1 - Year 4

English:

In English, we are reading *The Orchard Book Of Roman Myths*. We will be focusing on the story of Romulus and Remus. After that we will be learning the features of newspaper reports and writing our own report.



We will be learning spellings from the Year 3 and 4 list. In grammar sessions we will be revisiting apostrophes for contractions and possession.

Maths:

In maths, we will be focussing on place value. We will be using resources to make sure we understand the value of numbers including 1000s. We will learn about Roman numerals.

After that we will focus on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will learn different methods and learn to decide which method is best for a particular calculation.

Reading:

The children have a guided reading session with the teacher once a week. On the days the children are not reading with the teacher they will be completing reading related activities, including reading *First News* (an exciting newspaper written for children).

Children will bring home a reading book from school, which they need to read each night. After reading, children need to write a short summary in their reading record. Reading records and books need to be brought to school every day.

In **Topic** we are learning about The Romans and their impact on Britain. We will be looking at maps and learning about Roman roads and baths. We will write a newspaper report about Boudicca.

On Monday 2nd October, Year 4 will take part in a **Romans Day**. On this day, children can come to school in a Romans inspired costume. This could be a Roman soldier outfit or one of the Roman Gods or Goddesses that we have been learning about. Start planning or making your outfits now. There will be a small prize for the costume that shows the most effort in each class.

In **Science** we are learning about electricity. We will be making circuits and learning about switches. We will also be testing different materials to find out if they conduct electricity.

In **PSHE** we will be thinking about new beginnings and how to welcome people.

We will also be learning about the parts of our brain and taking brain breaks throughout the day to help us focus on our breathing.

In P.E. we are learning the skills needed to play basketball. We will also be going to Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre for swimming lessons each week.

Diary Dates

Romans Day— Monday 2nd October

Secondary Transfer Workshop (Year 6 parents) - Wednesday 4th October 9am

Early Years Welcome Meeting—
Thursday 5th October - 9am

Imperial War Museum Trip—Friday 13th
October (Year 6)

Parents e-Safety Workshop—NSPCC—
Wednesday 18th October

Home Learning:

As well as reading at home, children need to practise their spellings and times tables. Children will receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold booklet to help them practise their times tables. There will be a times tables test each week.

Other home learning may include research or a project linked to our topic learning.