



Half Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 4/ Spring 2

English

In both Reading and Writing, we are studying the book 'The Thieves of Ostia.' We will be writing an information report as well as a biography of Boudicca. Pupils will be taught to use fronted adverbials, inverted commas and connectives in their writing.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about fractions and decimals. We will also continue to practise our times tables.

Science

In this unit, pupils will investigate how sounds are made. They will investigate different patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produce it. They will find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produce it as well as recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

History

We are studying Ancient Rome. During this unit, pupils will be exploring the following questions: Who were the Romans and what was the Roman Empire? Why did the Romans invade Britain? What was life like in Britain before the Romans invaded? How did this change afterwards? What was life like in Roman Britain? What evidence of Roman Britain can we still see today?

Design & Technology

This half term, we will be designing, making and evaluating a healthy sauce to accompany pasta or pizza for a family member. This will involve researching common Italian dishes and food products, preparing ingredients hygienically using cooking devices and responding to suggestions from consumers.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at money and budgets and particularly money management.

PE

In PE, half of the year group will be going swimming, while the others will develop the throwing, catching and tactical skills required for Netball. Children will also have the fantastic opportunity of Drumba sessions with Mr Jalland.

Computing

In Computing we will be looking at conditional selection and sensing blocks in order to program a game.

RE

In RE, our unit this half term will be exploring the question, "Why does Easter matter to Christians?" by looking at the stories of Holy Week and Easter.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will be learning all about 'la familia'. This will include creating their own family tree in Spanish.

How you can help at home

- Support children in their times table practice. Fluency here really pays off when we need to apply knowledge to formal multiplication and division, fractions, word problems etc.
- Continue to encourage regular reading for pleasure and recording this in reading diaries.