

Science

This half term we will be exploring and investigating sound. We will explore the role vibrations play in sound by examining various instruments and will investigate how sound travels, while also identifying sound blockers. We will examine the relationship between distance and volume of sound. Finally, we will investigate different aspects of pitch, including; what pitch means, how pitch is affected in instruments and we will find out how sounds can be manipulated by air vibrating.

Topic

Our topic this half term is The Romans. We will be discovering the impact the Romans had on life in Britain. We will be exploring the Roman Empire, its army, ruling systems and their invasion and settlement of Britain.

Year 4 will investigate Roman culture including: religion, entertainment, daily life, homes, architecture, mosaics and artwork.

We will discover what legacy the Romans left behind and how they shaped our present lives.



Important dates:

Thurs 24th January – Maths Parents' School
Thurs 14th February – Norwich Castle Trip
Wed 6th Feb – Year 4 Family Learning Afternoon

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at methods for written multiplication and division, moving into applying these methods into solving word problems. We will be having weekly arithmetic lessons to support the children in their acquisition of calculation skills.

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

School website

Please remember that spellings and homework can all be found on the school website on the Year 4 page.

MFL

French will continue to be taught by Madame Maillard every week.

PE

Friday PM: Gym (all classes)
Tuesday AM: Swimming (Elm class)
Tuesday AM: Yoga (Maple and Pine classes)

Romans on the Rampage!

Reading Challenge

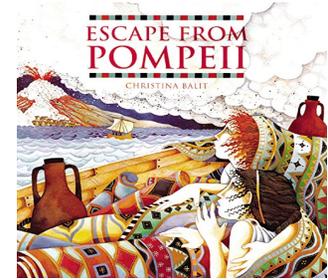
Thank you for continuing to support your child with the Reading Challenge. Please continue to listen to your children reading aloud.

Class book

To link to our topic, we will be reading 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong.



English



Descriptive writing and Historical narrative:

We will read 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit to inspire descriptive writing. As we learn more about daily life for the Ancient Romans, we will develop our own characters and will re-write 'Escape from Pompeii', changing elements of the original plot.

Class Blogs:

Remember to keep an eye on our class blogs for images and examples of the children's work. A link can be found on the school website.

Spelling and Grammar:

Please find our termly spelling list on the Year 4 section of the website to understand the patterns and rules taught this term. Within SPAG lessons we will cover the following: present perfect tense, possessive adjectives, indirect and direct speech, past perfect tense and adverbial clauses.

History and Geography:

History and Geography objectives will be taught through our Roman's topic. We will be looking at the places the Romans visited and identify these places on maps. We will discover the Roman impact on place names across our country today.