

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.

PE

PE will continue to be a double session on a Wednesday. This half-term the children will be learning to play dodgeball. This will help with developing their throwing, dodging and catching skills as well as helping them to understand the tactics involved in team sports. Mrs. Stratton will be teaching the children badminton.

Additionally, this half-term the children will have 3 extra PE sessions with Norwich City Sports Foundation. These will take place on the **first 3 Fridays of the half-term**.

Topic

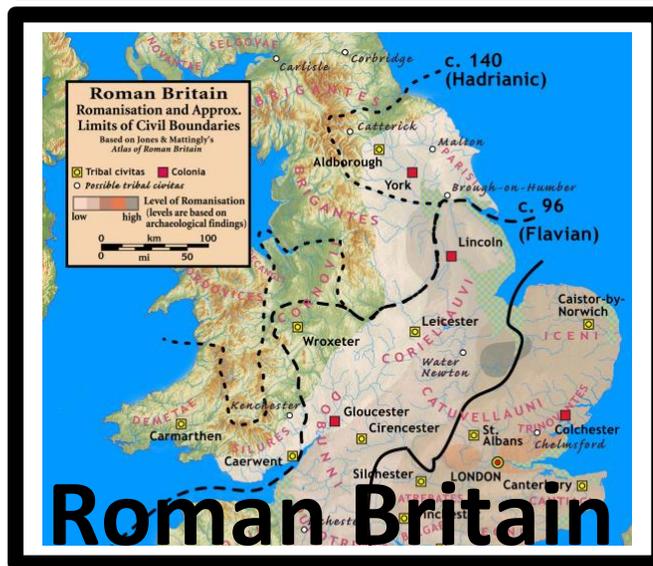
Our topic this half term will continue with The Romans which we started last half-term. The children have already learned about what an empire is, who Emperor Claudius was and what his reasons for invading Britain were.

We are using an enquiry-based approach to our topic so we will be using key questions to generate our learning. The questions will focus on the Roman army and the reasons for its success, Boudicca and her role in history. We will also focus in on Claudia Severa in order to look at Roman jewelry and Roman villas.

We will continue by looking at Hadrian's Wall and by covering what the children were most excited by; gladiators.

School website

Please remember that spellings and homework can all be found on the school website on the Year 4 page. Continue to support your children with their weekly spellings list as these words help the children to learn the unusual spelling rules in English.



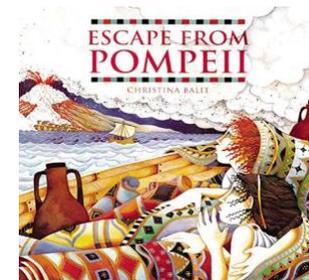
Spelling and Grammar:

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.

Class Blogs:

Remember to keep an eye on our class blogs for images and examples of the children's work. This is also how we will send home learning if your child has to isolate. A link can be found on the school website.

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', creating our own escape stories.

Mathematics

This half term we will start by learning to read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C). We will then spend some time looking at solving word problems based on the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division learnt last term. We are then going to go back over formal written methods for division and dividing with remainders. After that we will be looking at graphs. The rest of the half term will be spent on fractions and the different ways they can be represented.

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. Knowing their times tables helps enormously with being able to calculate complex multiplication and division questions, Times Table Rockstars is a brilliant free resource they can use to practice!

MFL

French will continue to be taught by Madame Maillard every Wednesday afternoon.