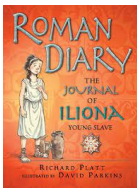


Year 4 Learning Spring 1 2026

English

Our core reading text this half term is A Roman Diary, the Journal of Iliona a young slave. We will be writing diary entries, writing from different character points of view, writing character descriptions, debating, predicting, writing explanation text about Roman slaves, Roman baths and other elements of Roman life. This links with our History learning, and all our reading and writing will be linked to this text.



Maths – our focus this half term is on multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1 digit, and multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100.

We will be using formal, short methods to multiply and divide 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1 digit. It is crucial we keep on top of knowing and recalling our multiplication and correlating division facts at speed.

Websites: -

TT Rockstars – every child has their own log in details

Hit the Button – free website



History – The Romans

This half term our History area of learning is based around the question 'Who were the Romans and what did we learn from them?' We will be learning about how Britain changed from the Iron Age to the end of the Roman occupation, how the Roman occupation of Britain helped to advance British society, how there was resistance to the Roman occupation and learn about Boudica and legacy she left, and why the Romans left Britain and the impact this had.

Geography – The Tropics

This half term our Geography area of learning is based around the question 'What do we mean by the tropics and how different is the climate there compared to the UK?' Our learning will include: locating the tropics and knowing the countries that lay within them, know about the climate within the tropics and comparing it to that in the UK, understanding what can be grown in the tropics that cannot be grown in the UK and understanding how different life would be if you lived in the tropics.

Science – Sound

We will be learning about how sounds are linked to vibrations, labelling parts of the ear and understanding how it works, and how we hear sounds. We will also be investigating how telephones work and how sound travels. We will be learning about pitch and volume.

PE

Please ensure no earrings are worn PE days

Swimming is on Tuesdays – please ensure your child has appropriate swimming shorts/trunks or a one-piece costume, a hat and a towel, all in a separate bag.

On Thursdays, we will be doing indoor PE – gymnastics, creating bridges. Please ensure children have black shorts or leggings and a t-shirt of their team colour. No indoor shoes are needed this half term.

RE/PSHE/Music

RE- Commitment, including Lent. We will be thinking about what temptation means and link this to the beliefs of Christians. We will learn about Lent and why Christians take part in this.

PSHE – Me in the World - Understanding the different kinds of responsibilities, rights and duties at home, school, in the community and towards the environment.

Music- We will be continuing to learn to play the violin led by an external teacher.

Art - Landscapes

Look at artists Vanessa Gardiner, John Constable and Markkus Nelrog and how they used water in their paintings. Paint a landscape which including a river, using sketch books to collect and record visual information, textiles and patterns from different sources, use colour to reflect a mood.

MFL/Computing

French – we will be learning about different festivals, recapping numbers to 30 and learning to count to 60.

Computing – we will be learning about Podcasts; planning, preparing, recording and evaluating our own. We will also be using a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes.

How to help your child at home

Weekly spellings – tests will be on a Friday, please refer to the spelling booklet sent home.

Multiplication Tables – TT Rockstars (children have their own log ins), Hit the Button, BBC Super Movers – all online games. We have paper copies of multiplication tables too if your child would like them.

Reading – diaries to be handed in every Wednesday please, ensure your child has at least 3 reads and 3 comments per week, signed by an adult.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd February – Romans Day – an outside visitor will be delivering a hands-on workshop about all things Roman.

Tuesday 3rd February/Wednesday 4th February – Parents Evening – more information to follow.

Half term – school finishes on Thursday 12th February and reopens to pupils on Monday 23rd February.

(Friday 13th February is an INSET day for staff)

Many thanks for your support,

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