

# Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1 - January 2024

Dear parents,

Happy new year! Welcome to 2024. I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. I managed to eat my body weight in cheese and go for a few swims in the ocean.

I was immensely proud of the work year 4 produced in 2023, I wanted to also mention their superb singing and readings at the carol concert. Amazing confidence and effort.

This term I am excited to announce we will be focussing on the Romans. Our cross-curricular question is 'Who were the Romans and what can we learn from them?' Which we will be studying across English, History, and Music. Alongside the rest of the curriculum, which I will tell you more about below.

I am looking forward to welcoming the children back for the new term. As ever if you have any questions please feel free to dojo me.

Mr. Gibbons

## English

Children will begin the term by researching and preparing to write their own diary recount from the perspective of a soldier, at the time of the Roman invasion of Britain in 43 AD. Then we will be studying the Roman legend of Romulus and Remus, and the children will be writing their own narrative story inspired by this famous tale.

## History

We will be focussing on the Roman invasion of Britain. Why did Julius Ceaser fail? How did Emperor Claudius succeed? And children will be working to answer the question 'How successful was the Roman invasion of Britain?' This will be supported by a trip to Southall Minster for a Romans day next half-term.

## Maths

We will be continuing our work on multiplication and division. Once this unit is complete, we are moving onto length and perimeter. We will also be working on fractions across both half-terms.

## Science

Following on from the variety of work children did on the water cycle, and water's different physical states last year. Children will be continuing this work by looking at a wide range of states of matter in their Science lessons.

## RE

After the fantastic work year 4 produced on the Trinity and incarnation last term, we are moving onto the topic of 'Life as a Journey.' Where we will be looking at how different religions celebrate and signify important life events. As well as learning about humanism and considering what a soul is?

## Computing

Children will continue their Year 3 work on scratch, learning more about the coding process.

## Art

Year 4 are a creative bunch. It is great to welcome art back to the curriculum. This term we will be focussing on exploring still life and the work of Paul Cézanne. Children will be creating a still life final piece, using the technique of collage.

## A couple of notices

During the AREP sessions we will be discussing racism, I understand that this may be a challenging topic for some people, therefore feel free to contact me if you would like to know more about what we will be discussing.

In RE during the topic we will be discussing death and different peoples beliefs around this topic, which I understand could be difficult for some people. Again please contact me if you would like to know more about what we will be discussing.

## PE

Children will be completing circuit training with me. Alongside a basketball session each week with Mr. Divvevo.

## PSHE

This half-terms school wide PSHE focus is on AREP (Anti-racism Education), which will be taught through a variety of literature, alongside class discussions and activities.

## Music

Children will be learning about Roman music and its influences with Mrs. Wood.