

English

Chosen Texts

The Barnabus Project by the Fan Brothers
Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, A Young Slave by Richard Platt (Historical Diary)

We will begin by revising a range of grammar, spelling and punctuation rules from previous year groups. This term, we will use the stories read to inspire our own writing. We will complete a number of pieces of writing, ranging from non-chronological reports, character descriptions, diary entries and narratives. We will focus on the importance of proof reading and editing work as well as presentation and handwriting through our new handwriting scheme, Kinetic Letters. Whole-class Guided Reading will encourage the children to discuss and respond to questions about texts as well as justify their ideas. To further support their writing, there will be weekly spellings sent home on Fridays, with a spelling quiz the following week.

Mathematics – Maths No-Problem!

Number and place value

Addition and subtraction with 10,000

Multiplication and division

Problem Solving

On Fridays, we will have weekly times table quizzes to monitor our progress with learning our times tables. At home, you can access Sum Dog to practice and develop multiplication and division fluency.

French

We will explore how to describe people and animals. We will listen and repeat modelled phrases using correct pronunciation and begin to explore writing simple phrases.

PSHE

This term we will learn what it is to be HeartSmart and how we can Power ON to love ourselves and others well. The life of our heart affects the whole of our life. What we put into our hearts will affect what we put our hearts into. Our lives will be greater or worse, more courageous or more fearful as a result of what's in our heart. Therefore, learning how and when to lead and guard our hearts is essential for resilient living.

Art

We will be creating our own Roman coil pots from clay and finishing them by painting and glazing. We will discuss when and how the Romans created these and their significance in Roman society.

Design Technology

This term we will be learning about food technology. We will learn about some of the processes that foods go through to preserve them/make them more appealing. We will use a design criteria process to build our ideas of a Roman honey cake, before learning about hygiene and food safety. Finally, we will prepare, cook and sample a Roman dish to evaluate our design process.

The Romans

Year 4 Autumn Term

History and Geography

This term we will gain an overview of the history of Roman Britain, including the main events of the period and the way in which Britain changed as a result. We will begin by thinking about how the Roman Empire began, how the Roman army helped the Roman Empire to expand and how Britain became part of the Roman Empire. We will move onto investigating what life was like in Roman Britain and the kind of legacy the Roman's left behind for us.

In Geography, we will be learning about types of settlements, learning to use four-figure grid references, follow a route on a large scale map as well as comparing OS maps and aerial photographs.

PE

We will take part in outdoor adventurous activities by developing our problem solving skills through a range of challenges. We will work in pairs and small groups to plan, solve, reflect and improve on strategies. We will learn to be inclusive of others and work collaboratively to overcome challenges. We will learn to orientate a map, identify key symbols and follow routes. We will also be playing basketball and will be encouraged to persevere when developing competencies in key skills and principles such as defending, attacking, throwing, catching and dribbling. We will learn to use attacking skills to maintain possession of the ball. We will start by playing uneven and then move onto even sided games. We will understand the importance of playing fairly and to the rules. We will be encouraged to think about how to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition as well as learn how to evaluate their own and others' performances.

RE

This term in we will be focussing on the concept of Creation and the Fall. We will be exploring the story of Adam and Eve in detail and will move on to make links between what stories in the Bible say about human beings and their own ideas about behaviour.

Computing

This term we will begin to explore that computers can be connected together to form systems, by recognising inputs, processes and outputs. We will begin to understand the role of computer systems in our lives and use web searches to find specific information.

Science

We will build on our understanding of hearing during work around the senses. We will develop our vocabulary for describing sounds and identify different sound sources. We will learn that sounds are made by something vibrating and that these vibrations travel through a medium to the ear so that we hear them. We will explore ways to change the pitch and volume of sounds.

We will be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system; the mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, intestines, rectum and anus. We will learn that the role of the digestive system is to break down the food we eat so that the nutrients, energy and other requirements we derive from it can be used in the rest of the body. We will learn about how food can be broken down through mechanical and chemical processes. We will explore the roles of the different types of teeth in breaking food down, and how to care for our teeth. We will also learn about milk teeth and permanent teeth.