

Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring 2026



Our Theme this term is: Emperors and Empires

Our new Emperors and Empires theme teaches the children about the historical structure of Ancient Rome, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain. We will be looking at the growth and expansion of the Roman Empire and what everyday life was like. We will also be exploring how these influence lives in the present day.

Music:

Year 3 will continue to have their instrumental lessons with Mrs Kendal. **Year 4** will continue to have their music lessons delivered by Sing Education.

Art and Design Technology:

Children will explore the colours, patterns and themes found in Roman Mosaics before learning the techniques to design and make their own.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all of your support over the Autumn Term. As we move into the Spring term, we would be very grateful if you would continue to support your child's learning at home. Please listen to your child read **at least 3 times** a week, help them to practise their times table facts, as well as support them with their weekly home learning activities.

Times tables

Year 3

2 and 5 times tables

Year 4

9 and 7 times tables

Maths:

Year 3: This term, children will learn formal multiplication and division methods drawing on their times table knowledge, length and perimeter, fractions and mass and capacity where they will apply these in a variety of contexts.

Year 4: This term, children will learn how to multiply and divide and how to use formal written methods to solve these calculations. They will also learn about length and perimeter and will apply these in a variety of contexts.

Year 3 and 4: Both year groups will continue with their daily fluency times table practise where they will continue to learn their facts up to 12 x 12.

English:

This term we will be reading and writing different types of texts related to our theme. We will be revising taught grammatical features before learning how to use and apply complex sentences within our writing. We will explore the features of non-chronological reports before writing our own. Later in the term, we will be writing persuasive adverts linked to our class text.

Our class text for this term is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo where we will continue to develop our comprehension skills, alongside our weekly comprehension sessions.

French:

Year 3 will continue to learn French adjectives of colour, size and shape before moving onto French playground games. Year 4 will be able to explain how to get dressed as well as learn months and birthdays.

History:

During our theme, we will learn about everyday life in Ancient Rome focusing on the social hierarchy. We will also be exploring Roman invasions in Britain and the structure of the Roman Army. As part of this, we will be looking in depth at soldier's equipment and understanding the purpose behind the armour and how this was used effectively. We will conclude the theme looking at the Roman's legacy and how we can still evidence of this in the modern day.

Science:

Our science topic this term is 'Sound'. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to plan, set up and conduct a range of investigations to identify how sounds are made and how vibrations travel through a medium to the ear.

Later in the term, we will explore how sound can change pitch and loudness before being able to find patterns through drawing conclusions based on findings. This will allow further scientific questioning to take place.

RE:

Our topic this term is: 'Why do some people think life is a journey?'

Computing:

In computing this term, children will be learning to create Branching Databases linked to real-world scenarios before moving to look at Route Planners after half term.

PSHE:

This term our PSHE topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be talking about some of our own dreams and learning about how to set out the steps to work towards a goal. We will also be beginning our 'Healthy Me' unit where **Year 3** will be learning about what makes a healthy friendship and the difference between being safe and unsafe. **Year 4** will learn about the effects that alcohol and smoking have on the body.

PE and Games:

This term PE and Games will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Our PE lessons will follow our Real PE scheme and in our games lessons, we will be applying our skills into competitive games and scenarios. It will be the turn of **Miss Scott's class** to swim on Wednesday afternoons, week commencing 5th January. Please can you ensure children have appropriate PE kit for all activities.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.