



Key Dates

Year 4 Events for Spring 1

Monday 9th Jan—
Clubs begin

Friday 27th January
— INSET day

Monday 6th Feb -
Virtual Parents'
Evenings

Thursday 9th Feb -
Virtual Parents'
Evenings

**Thursday 2nd
March** — World
Book Day

**Wednesday 29th
March** —Year 3/4
Spring Performance

Friday 31st March
—Last day of term

Don't forget to wear warm clothes for outdoor PE sessions while the weather remains cold.

4 or more reading entries in your child's planner each week will earn them 3 house points

Year 4 Newsletter

Happy New Year

2023 has already started so positively for all the children in Year 4 and they have come back to school refreshed and positive to begin their learning! We very much look forward to a busy spring term!

English

During the spring term, our English units of work are: newspaper articles, mystery stories, Roman city guides and playscripts.

Our first English unit is newspaper articles and will be linked to our History topic, 'The Romans.' The outcome of this unit of work will be to create a Roman news article on the events surrounding the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. They will then write mystery stories based on the book, 'The Secrets of Vesuvius'.

After half term, we will be learning more about Italy and the children will then write their own city guides. This will then be followed by reading 'The Glassmaker's Daughter' and creating and performing playscripts of the tale.

We will continue to have daily whole class guided reading sessions which will include: reading and responding to texts, making predictions, deductions and evaluating the text. Our first text is 'A Poem for Every Day of the Year' and then we'll move onto reading 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker.



A reminder....

Please ensure your child has their water bottle and reading diary.

PE kit should be worn to school on Mondays and Wednesdays

Maths

During the spring term the children will be covering the following units in Maths:

Recalling and using multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12

Children must learn and practise all tables facts to 12 x 12 and use these to work out division facts e.g. if $7 \times 8 = 56$, then $56 \div 8 = 7$.

Children will also be taught to recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.

Formal written method for multiplication

Children will be taught how to multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.

$$\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 266 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

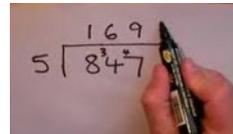
Formal written method for division

Children will be taught how to divide two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout (bus-stop method).

Fractions and Decimals

Children will be taught about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of quantities.

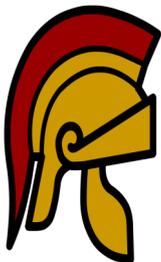
Children will also learn about tenths and hundredths and their decimal notation.



Don't forget that children will take a multiplication check in the summer term. The test is online and will consist of 25 times tables questions and 6 seconds to answer each. Trockstars is an excellent way to practise for this!

Topic

Romans:



This half term we will be learning about the Roman invasion of Britain focusing on the changes that the Romans brought to Britain both at the time and over time. Children will use the strong archaeological records that exist so they can reconstruct aspects of Roman life from the fragmentary evidence, some of which will be local. Children will learn about the life of Boudica and how she challenged the occupation of Britain by the Romans. The children will also re-enact battles and learn about Roman life and practices.

Ciao Bella!



During the second half of term, the children will be working on a geography unit about Italy. We will be using maps to locate Italy and concentrate on the country's key physical features, including mountain regions, rivers and major cities.

Science: Living things and habitats and electricity

ART/DT: Landscapes inspired by Barbara Rae (sculpture) and Making a night light.

PSHE: What is important to me? Keeping Safe and Managing Risk.

Outdoor games: Ultimate frisbee/Outdoor and adventurous games

Indoor PE: Street dance/Bootcamp fitness

RE: Hinduism

Music: Structure and Pitch/Spring show

Computing: Animation/ Online safety

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.