

# Year 4 Spring Term 1 Curriculum

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break and the children are rested and ready to learn. This half term we will be continuing to move forward through history, focusing on the Romans.

## Spring 1 Curriculum – Roman Invasion

This half term, Year 4 will begin a new history topic focused on the Romans and will learn about their legacy and lasting impact on Britain. The children are guided through their learning as they read about a Celt prince, named Bran, and his struggle to survive and adapt as the Romans invade his tribe's land.

Children will continue to develop their reading skills, specifically using the book to support inferences made as well as using characters' actions to predict future events. With the support of drama and roleplay children will write diaries, setting descriptions and action scenes to share the experiences of the Celt prince.

The book is the driving force for our curriculum this half term and we will be using it to support our Geography, History and DT curriculums. In Geography children will get the opportunity to develop their mapping skills, identifying the setting of the books as well as looking at how far the Roman Empire spread. In History, the children will compare the daily lives of rich and poor Romans. In DT, they will make a model of a Roman catapult.

## Homework

**Maths** - Each week the children will be set times table homework which will always be online on Times Table Rock stars. The children's username and password is noted in their planners.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

**Spellings** – Please encourage the children to learn their curriculum spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. A copy of these spellings are in the children's planners.

**Reading**– The children should read their new Reading Planets book twice a week for 15 mins and then spend 5 mins recording a reflection in their planner at the end of each session. When they have finished the whole book, they should use their next 20 min session to answer the questions which are on the back page. Please could they do this in their planner. Please encourage them to look back in the text to find the answer. It is not a memory test. Teachers will check planners each week in class. Reading Plus should still be done twice a week on a computer or laptop as before.

## Parent Helpers

Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practise? The year 4 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their time to help the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.

## **PE**

**Indoor P.E:** Wednesday (all classes)

**Outdoor Games:** Monday (all classes)

Outdoor games for this term will focus on developing running skills.

## **Spring 1 – Key Dates for Year 4**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Trip to Fishbourne Roman palace.**

**Music** Our In2music teachers will continue to teaching this term. The children are learning to play either the ukelele, trumpet or flute. All classes will be learning to play their instrument on a Tuesday afternoon.

## **Spring 1 Curriculum Spellings**

These can also be found in the children's planners.

Earth, February, ordinary, complete, continue, actual, actually,  
experience, extreme, mention

We look forward to working with you and your children this term!

The Year 4 Team

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