

# 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 and Art 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 art we will take a closer look at Roman mosaics.

At the end of our topic, we will be inviting all grown-ups into school to see all of our learning from this exciting History project.



## 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. Children also have the option of a paper copy if they wish.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

**Spellings** – Curriculum words will be sent home this week. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. A copy of these spellings are also in the children's planners.

**Reading**– We were pleased with the children's response to our reading reward and will be continuing this for this half term. Children should be reading at home regularly and recording this in their planners. We expect the children to be reading at least four times per week and should be recording a reflection each time in their planners. Teachers will check planners each week in class.

## **PE**

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

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

Outdoor games for this term will be led by Team Spirit. They will be focusing on developing the children's attacking and defending skills this half term.

During indoor PE, the children will be learning how to play Dodge Ball whilst improving their ability to work as a team.

**P.E. Kit-** Please ensure that all children have a school PE sports top and black shorts; alternatively, they may wear a plain white t-shirt, or a coloured t-shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Tuesday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be taped.

## **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.

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

**Week beginning 6/1/20** – Roman Invasion Hook week. Holiday Homework due.

**Tuesday 11/2/20** – In2Music concert. The concert time will be communicated closer to the date.

**Tuesday 11/2/20** – Roman Invasion outcome for parents at 2.45pm. Come and visit our museum showcasing all the learning done this term relating to our History project.

**Week beginning 10/02/20** – Spelling Test

**Music** Our In2music teachers will continue to teaching this term. The children are learning to play either the clarinet, trumpet or flute. All classes will be learning to play their instrument on a Tuesday afternoon and we hope that they are continuing to practise at home ready for their concert during the Spring Term.

## **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

Miss Broadway Miss Vincent Miss Blake