

Computing – ‘programming’

In Summer 1, we will look at repetition in shapes using ‘turtle academy’. We learn about how to programme a screen turtle by creating algorithms.

In Summer 2, we will look at repetition in games using ‘Scratch’. We will create loops to modify, design and create a game for our peers to play.

History — Our topic this term are the Ancient Romans. We will use historic skills, such as interpreting primary and secondary sources to find out about life in Ancient Rome. We will also explore how Roman inventions have continued in life today, specifically in our local area; thinking about how they have been adapted for modern Britain and Gloucestershire.

Geography – We will use map skills to locate Rome before comparing Roman and modern Britain on a map of the UK. We will learn about which cities in the UK were here and important during the Roman Empire. We will also use maps to understand the spread of the Roman Empire.

To finish the term, we will use 6 figure grid references to locate places on a map. We will also (hopefully!) take a walk around the local grounds to match OS symbols to real places.

PSHE – We will be using our scheme ‘My Happy Mind’. We will be learning about healthy relationships, showing respect and managing hurtful behaviour.

We will then move onto learning about living in the wider world. We will be learning about shared responsibilities, learning about our communities, media literacy and economic wellbeing.

French — We will continue developing our listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of common French phrases. We will have a focus on how we say we are feeling unwell before moving onto jungle animals. In Summer 2, we learn about summertime weather and ice creams.

Religious Education – This term we will continue learning about the religion of Christianity. We will be learning about the Kingdom of God. After half term, we will be focussing on answering our key question: ‘How and why do people mark the significant events of life?’

English – We will start our summer term writing a Secret Sea Creature Guide based on the book ‘Flotsam’, with a focus on using fronted adverbials, pronouns and Standard English. Afterwards, we will be writing an invention narrative based on the book ‘Manfish’ where we will be using inverted commas, figurative language and effective word choices.

Spelling – We have daily spelling sessions following Unlocking Letters and Spelling. Each week focuses on different spelling rules or the Year 3/4 statutory spellings. Spelling homework is sent home weekly and is based on the spelling rule we have previously learnt in school. There will be weekly spelling tests using 6 of the words used in that week’s homework.

Reading – We have daily whole class reading sessions that focus on different comprehension skills; including prediction, summarising and dictionary skills.

Year 4 Summer Term

Ancient Romans

What have the Romans done for us?

At home you could....

-Listen to your child read regularly. This could be a book they enjoy, the school book or using Online Reading Buddy. Please write in the reading record whenever you read with your child.

-Practise times tables on TTRS.

- Support them to spell words correctly using different spelling strategies.

- Talk about any of the other areas of learning mentioned on this page.



Maths – We will continue to learn about decimals, focussing on partitioning, ordering and rounding decimals. This term we will also learn about money, time, statistics, shape and position and direction.

Alongside our maths lessons we will have daily arithmetic lessons which will have a focus on number, place value and the four operations, as well as how we answer reasoning questions.

We will also have daily times tables practise booklets in preparation for the statutory Multiplication check in June.

Science – During Summer 1 our topic will be states of matter. We will learn about solids, liquids and gases and how materials can change between states. We will carry out experiments to develop our understanding.

In Summer 2, our topic will be electricity. We will learn about the key components in a circuit and the importance of a closed circuit. We will also learn about conductors and insulators and carry out an investigation based on these.

PE – Mr Spencer will be taking Year 4 for their PE lessons on a **Thursday** afternoon. The children will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills (running, throwing etc). through athletics and striking and fielding. Please make sure they have the appropriate school PE kit for all lessons. Children will come to school in their PE kits.



Art – We will be studying the artist Jackson Pollock and create our own abstract art using splatter techniques. We will also be using the art skill of sketching to sketch volcanoes for our splatter art.

DT – After half term we will learn about, plan and create our own Roman mosaics using different materials such as paper and clay.