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Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1a Year 4 Mrs Atkinson

English We will start the term by reading and retelling the Roman myth 'Romulus and Remus' and will follow on with reading 'The Captive Celt' by Terry Dreary. Both units of work are linked closely to our history theme and will provide many writing opportunities including: persuasive letter writing, setting descriptions and diary entries. We will continue with spellings on Edshed as well as provide grammar and punctuation tasks. Reading is vitally important and children are encouraged to read as regularly as possible. Children can read for a range of purposes so please don't feel that reading should be limited to their school reading book.

Mathematics We will be developing our understanding of place value by investigating numbers up to 1000. We will extend our understanding of addition and subtraction. Times tables are a key part of maths and we will be exercising daily practice and encouraging children to practise at home too. To complete our half term, we will be calculating area.

Science We will talk about solids, liquids and gases
 Describe the properties of solids, liquids and gases
 Describe what happens when objects melt, freeze or solidify and give everyday examples
 Describe what happens when liquids evaporate and condenses and give everyday examples
 Understand that temperature is how hot or cold something is
 Explain how we measure temperature



Music
 We will be looking at the song 'Mamma Mia' comparing it to other Abba songs and learning to perform the song as a class. We will be learning how to play the guitar in our dedicated guitar lesson too. (Starting Friday 16th September).



History
 We will be considering the question 'How did the Romans change Britain?'. This is a whole term theme and we will be visiting a local Roman Fort as part of our work.



ART
 We will be investigating mosaics and examining Roman architecture. We will then consider how modern artists take influences from history. We will study the work of Gaudi before producing our own work.



Religious Education
 We will focus on the key question—What is the Bible? We will learn about the contents of the Bible and how important the Bible is to Christians.



PSHE Including RSE
 We will be answering the question: 'What is respect?' We will be exploring how to respect our environment, people in authority, our friends and ourselves.



Useful Information

What can you do to help your child?

Reading and practising spellings a little each day really helps.

We can't emphasize enough how important it is for the children to know their times tables—ask them to recite them to you, and sing the songs they've learned.

Online Resources

Your child has login details for each one:

- TTRock Stars
- Edshed
- Conquer Maths
- Fiction Express

Please sign your child's reading diary when they read at home—the children who do read at home are given stamps which accrue for a lucky draw! The benefits of reading regularly at home are enormous.

We have Swimming on a Tuesday.

Please ensure PE kits are in school and earrings are removed before school on Wednesday.

Our current class novel is 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shephard.



Thank you

