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Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 Year 4 Mrs Armstrong

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 living things.
 Identify, sort and group animals into categories based on their features.
 Understand the difference between vertebrate and invertebrates to begin grouping animals.
 Understand how to use a simple key to classify animals correctly.



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 learning about Architecture. We will focus on two architects, Norman Foster and Robert Venturi. We will then focus on our sketching, shading and blending skills.



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

PE

PE this half term is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. We will be going swimming on **Mondays**. PE kits can stay in school until half term. Children will need a plain t-shirt and shorts for this half term as PE will be indoors.

Please ensure earrings are removed before school on Monday and Wednesday.

What can you do to help your child?

Listen to your child read and talk about the book.

Please encourage your child to bring their reading book and reading record every day. Thank you!

Encourage your child to gain a rapid recall of the times tables on Times Table Rock

Our current class novel is 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley.



Thank you



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