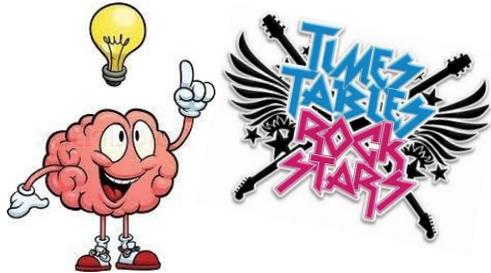


Literacy –

Within literacy this term, we will be starting with a poetry unit, looking particularly at creating imagery. Then we will be writing our own poetry based around a Roman soldier using everything we have learnt. In addition, we will be writing our very own recount, based on our trip to Chedworth Roman Villa. We will be writing about our experience and our favourite parts of the trip. In term 2, we will be looking at stories set in imaginary worlds and will be basing our work on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Children will get a chance to create their own imaginary world and write a story about it.



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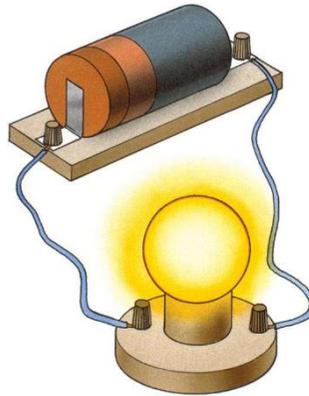


Numeracy –

In numeracy, we will be starting with place value and recapping some key points from year 3 before moving on to rounding numbers and working with thousands. On Monday mornings, Mr Seaborne will be looking at measurement including equivalent lengths and adding and subtracting lengths. We will be regularly practising our times tables, including TTR!

Science –

Children are going to become electricity experts. We are going to begin by understanding how electricity is generated and then explore different types of electricity as well as electrical safety. Throughout the term, year 4 will be creating their own electrical circuits to help with their understanding. In term 2, we will focus on states of matter and how we can group different materials. We will be using key enquiry skills including asking questions and making predictions to help us understand how a materials state of matter can change.



PE –

Fitness – Our first topic is fitness, where children will be practicing and perfecting fitness techniques including sprinting, body weight exercises and coordination. They will put their stamina to the test by completing a basic fitness test at the beginning and end of the term with an aim to improve their own scores.
Dance – Children will work to create their own dance, linking their actions to the song and theme.
Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day.

Music -

Get ready to get your groove on! Children will be drumming with Mr Garcia every other Friday.

Welcome to year 4! I am very excited to be teaching this class again and learn all about the **Romans** in an exciting first term! Below you can see a brief overview of everything we will be learning in terms 1 and 2...

Spellings and times tables – These will be given to the children at the start of the week and we will practice them regularly in class. Children are more than welcome to get some extra practice in at home and parents can grab a copy from the classroom if they wish. It is **really important** children are practicing their times tables as we have a times table test in year 4.

Reading – It is important that children bring their reading record and school reading books with them each day. They will be heard reading at least once a week by an adult and will need to read regularly at home too.

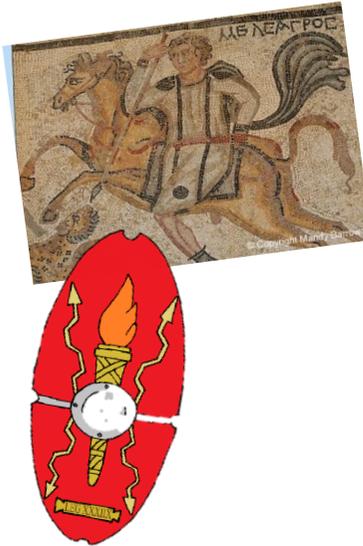
Homework – Homework will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday. The work should be set so that your child can complete it independently but if they struggle, don't hesitate to guide and prompt them.

My door is always open and everyone is welcome, so if you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, feel free to come in. I'm looking forward to getting to know you as well as all of the year 4 children over the next year!

DT and art –

Let's get creative! In Term 1, year 4 will be creating their own roman shield to use in battle! They will learn all about the different types of shields before sketching and designing their own. They will be drawing multiple designs, using real artefacts to help guide them. Children will be working to evaluate their design and final piece, offering suggestions about what went well and how it can be improved.

Children will be exploring different roman mosaic designs and will design and create a variety of their own before choosing a final design.



Religious Education –

Mr Seaborne will be teaching year 4 about Sikhism. This will give children a deeper understanding on how far a Sikh would go for their religion. In term 2, children will be exploring the question 'What is it like for Christians to follow God?' by listening to stories and completing a variety of activities to help deepen their knowledge and understanding.



PSHE-

We will start the year by each creating a Tree of Life to help us discover more about ourselves and tell stories about our lives in a creative way. We will be discussing how we are each unique and what strengths we have. Children will be encouraged to build relationships, build a positive self-perception and sense of belonging.

History and geography -

The Romans are here! We will start the term by looking at our timeline and locating the Roman period, looking at key events and sorting them into chronological order. Linking with our poetry, we will be focusing a lot on soldier (both Roman and Celtic), comparing the lives of different soldiers and writing our very own diary entry. We will explore a variety of parts of a Roman's life including food and entertainment. In one of the terms, children will be excited to hear we will be having a Roman themed day, where we will be doing a variety of Roman based activities to help deepen our knowledge and understanding on the topic in a fun and creative way! Shields and armour at the ready year 4!

French –

In terms 1 and 2, we will be focusing on a 'Celebration' unit. Children will be able to say the months of the year and learn how to say the date in French as well as their birthday. We will also look at different activities, where children can offer their opinions and give simple statements about them to their peers. We will recap numbers and hopefully move on to counting in larger numbers up to 31 – this will help us when we are talking about dates.

