



Year 3/4 Newsletter

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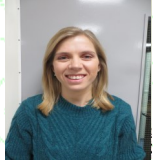


The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

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English

This half-term we are using the book 'Across the Roman Wall' by Theresa Breslin to learn about Hadrian's Wall and the conflict between the Romans and Picts. To begin with, we are using events from the book to create newspaper reports. Here, we'll learn how to write paragraphs and grouping relevant information together. After that, using the same book, we are writing descriptive narratives based on the two main characters in the story (Marinetta and Lucius) and their adventures over the wall.

Maths

Over the coming weeks, Year 3/4 will be exploring fractions. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions using the denominator and numerator as well as finding fractions of shapes and different amounts. Pupils will also develop their skills in recognising and finding equivalent fractions. Finally, children will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. This includes recognising different angles, understanding different types of lines and finding lines of symmetry in the shapes and patterns using a mirror.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time and record it in your child's reading diary.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



Topic - Romans - History and Geography

We will continue to unpick the Roman Empire this half-term and its impact on Britain. This half-term we will be learning what life was like in Roman Britain, the key people and events involved in the Iceni rebellion and the downfall of the Roman Empire in Britain. In geography, we'll compare Leeds and Rome to understand similarities and differences in their physical and human geography.

Science

This half-term we are continuing to learn about 'Animals - including humans.' As part of our work we will be describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans where we will learn the names of body parts and make our own poo as part of a science investigation. We will also learn to identify the different types of teeth in humans, know their simple functions and why oral hygiene is important. As part of an investigation using egg shells, we will test what impact a variety of different liquids have on enamel. Finally, we will construct and interpret a variety of food chains where we will be able to identify producers, predators and prey.

Computing

This half-term our work is all about coding. We will learn how to use sequencing, selection and repetition within programmes, work with variables and various forms of input and output. We will also learn how to explain how simple algorithms work and detect and correct errors within different algorithms and programs.

Art

We will continue to create mosaics inspired by the Romans but this half-term we will be creating a modern day version inspired by those still found in Barcelona and Rome.

PE

We will be learning how to play tag rugby on Tuesdays. Year 3 are learning dance on Wednesdays and will be creating a Roman themed piece to perform at our parent event in March whilst Year 4 pupils continue their swimming sessions.

MFL - French

Our French topic is 'Where In The World' where we will speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, express opinions and respond to those of others. We will also begin writing sentences to express our ideas whilst understanding basic French grammar.

PSHE

Year 3: Living in the Wider World - belonging to groups, respect for others. Our key question is 'What makes a community?'
Year 4: Health and Wellbeing - growing and changing: puberty. Our key question is 'How will we grow and change?'

DT and Food Tech

In woodwork, pupils will be creating their own Roman shields. As well as designing and evaluating them, pupils will work on their technical skills with tools. In Food Tech, we are creating our own pizzas inspired by Roman toppings and homemade fish fingers.

RE

We are continuing our work on the five pillars of Islam and how Muslims use these to guide them.

Forest School

We'll continue to learn to make fire and visit the woods to support our science work.

Music

We are learning to sing Roman topic songs using 3 note and treble staves.

Important Dates...

- 27.2.23/6.3.23 - Parent Consultations - Book via the app.
- 23.3.23 - Parent Celebration Event (2:15pm) - more information to follow nearer the time.
- Afternoon trips to the woods - (28.3.23 Class 4) (29.3.23 Class 6) (30.3.23 Class 7)

