

Year 3 4 Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2024

Welcome to the first term of a new year! There can be a mixture of emotions felt at the start of a new year; excitement, disappointment that the summer holidays are over, happiness about seeing friends and having fun lessons, and naturally some worries about a new class and what might be different or initially unknown. Our values remain the same. These consist of our **Citizenship Values** of **Honesty, Respect** and **Kindness**, and our **Learning Values** of **Independence, Resilience, Inquisitiveness** and **Collaboration**. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating when children show these values very much!

Please do speak to Mr Spiers, Mrs Sanders or the office staff if you have any questions; we all want the children to succeed and know that we can only do that through effective collaboration ourselves

English

Opportunities for Reading and writing:
Book studies: **I was There; Boudica's Army** and **Escape From Pompeii**

Outcomes: Writing in role through diary entries.
Newspaper reports of historical events; the Iceni burning Colchester, the eruption of Vesuvius destroying Pompeii.

Non-Chronological report on Roman civilisation and daily life at the time.

This will be alongside and supported by regular spelling and grammar sessions; spelling common suffixes (-ed, -ing, -er, -est), homophones and common exception words, revising basic punctuation.

PSHE/SMSC:

This half term we will discuss healthy relationships; friendships, healthy families, stereotypes and respecting differences.



Maths

Place value:

Read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words.
Identify, represent and estimate numbers up to 1000 using different representations.
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Find 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number.
Recognise the place value of each digit in a 3 digit and 4 digit number.
Order and compare numbers to and beyond 1000.
Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.
Solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers.

Addition and Subtraction:

Add and subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three digit number and hundreds.
Add and subtract numbers with three/four digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction.
Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.

Science: The focus this half term will be on Electricity. Pupils will;
- identify common appliances that run on electricity
- Construct a simple electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, lamps, switches and buzzers
- Identify whether a lamp will light in a simple circuit and why
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit, and relate this to whether a lamp will light or not.
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators

Computing: The focus this half term will be on computing systems and networks –how the internet connects us around the world.

History: Our focus this term is on 'The Rotten Romans', looking at the Roman Empire, life and advancements at the time, and the impact this civilisation had on Britain. Pupils will;
- Create a timeline to show when the Roman Empire was, and compare it to previous periods of history studied
- How we learn about the past; primary and secondary sources
- Explore daily life at the time
- The power of the Roman army
- Julius Caesar's invasion of Britain
- British resistance
- Roman culture and technology; Roman gods and goddesses, music, mosaics, roads etc.

PE: This half term our lessons will be on gymnastics and orienteering. We will start the year with some teambuilding activities

RE: We will be looking at trees across religions. How can they be special to different faiths, and what significance have they played in different traditions.

French: We follow Language Angels, which starts with some basic French phonics, before we go on to learn French names of shapes.

Geography: Name and locate the countries, counties, cities and regions that make up the United Kingdom, identifying human and physical features.

Music: The children be taught by Mrs Trevithick this year, who will offer the children the opportunity to experience and develop a range of skills in a different instrument each term.

Art and DT: We have a D.T. topic focused on 'Mechanical Systems; levers and linkages.'

Reminders and Events...

Please see the weekly newsletter for up-to-date information and upcoming dates.

Please remind children to bring a water bottle to school every day, and to come to school in their P.E. kits on our P.E. days.

PE days- Monday and Thursday

Portals to the Past Roman Day: Wednesday 18th September

BSA Christmas crafts: Wednesday 25th September

Harvest service: Tuesday 1st October

BSA Disco: Friday 18th October