



INVADERS

Year 4 Autumn Term 1

English

Empires End - A Roman Story will be our focus text this term. It is a gripping Roman adventure told by a young North African girl who sets out on a danger-filled journey to Britain. Heart-stopping, intriguing and historical, the children will find Camilla's time in Britain fascinating.

Throughout the unit, children will explore Roman life and use their knowledge and imagination to write from a Roman's perspective. Children will learn how to use exciting vocabulary to describe the actions of the Roman army in battle and to commentate their own gladiator combat in the Colosseum.

Maths

In Year 4, we will be focusing on developing arithmetic skills in our maths learning which is crucial in preparing children for the National MTC test during the summer term. Children will need to know and be able to recall all of their multiplication facts by the end of the year. Children will have a wide range of opportunities to develop their reasoning skills so that they can apply their knowledge of maths methods in order to solve problems. A variety of questioning types will be used throughout the year so that children have opportunities to deepen their thinking and extend their learning.

Wow Event!

We will be visited by a real Roman soldier!

Humanities

History

We will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will create timelines to learn about key dates, events and people and the effect battles had on the UK.

Geography

In these lessons, we will be locating and comparing different cities in Britain and Italy. We will also locating human and physical characteristics of both countries.

RE

We will be exploring what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. We will be learning about Hindu's key beliefs, symbols and teachings.

Languages

In French, we will learn how to talk about ourselves and our school, numbers, days of the week, months, and colours.

Computing

This term, we will be developing our coding skills and using information technology to carry out research on the Romans. Through our digital literacy lessons, we will consolidate and further improve our understanding of how to stay safe online and avoid peer pressure.

The Arts

Music

We will be using tuned, untuned and digital instrumentation to create entrance music suitable for a gladiator fight.

Art & Design

We will be creative a sculpture of a Roman warrior bust and using geometric shapes to create a mosaic.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be discussing our strengths and goals, friendship and responsibility. We will learn about a range of feelings and the importance of anti-bullying.

Science

States of Matter In this unit, the children will learn about how to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will observe how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, identify key parts played by evaporation and condensation and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. They will have the opportunity to experiment with different materials and identify what worked well and what could be improved, using their evidence and explaining results.