

Chariots of Fire



English

Throughout the 'Chariots of Fire' topic, children will be immersed in stories about ancient Roman times and significant individuals. Using their knowledge of this time period and the key part played by significant individuals, children will complete a descriptive narrative about the Roman invasion. Other genres of writing which will be explored include a diary entry, a play script and a letter of complaint from a gladiator's perspective. Children will continue to work on varying their sentence structure and will develop their use of conjunctions. They will consolidate their understanding of speech and will plan and edit their work with the audience in mind.

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 Multiplication Tables Check 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. In autumn term, the focus will be on place value as well as the four operations. Once fluency is mastered, children will apply their understanding to solve reasoning problems. In addition to this, children will develop their understanding of length and perimeter this term.

WOW EVENT

Roman soldier visit

Humanities

History—During this topic, the children will learn all about the impact that the Roman Empire had on Britain. They will become familiar with where Ancient Rome fits within our historic timeline, the events that happened in Pompeii and significant people such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca.

Geography—Children will explore the physical and human features of Italy and the UK and will make comparisons. They will also focus on earthquakes and volcanoes and why these occur. Children will reflect on how the eruption of Vesuvius changed the landscape of Pompeii.

RE—The focus this term will be around what it means to be a Christian and Hindu in Britain today.

French—Children will become familiar with common phrases heard in school and will practice listening to and saying instructions.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will reflect on their own interests and skills as well as how we can show others respect.

The Arts

Art and Design—Children will create a Roman bust and use geometric shapes to design a mosaic tile.

D&T—Using their knowledge of ancient Roman cuisine, children will prepare and enjoy a Roman feast which will include making bread.

Music—Children will compose a piece of music to accompany a gladiator battle focusing on tempo, pitch and beat to create atmosphere.

Science

Electricity- Children will learn about the basic parts of a simple electrical circuit. They will be able to name common appliances which run on electricity and will understand what materials make good conductors and good insulators of electricity.

States of Matter— Through practical experiments, children will learn about the three states of matter, their characteristics and the variables which causes a change of state.

Computing

Children will create an online multiple choice questionnaire and will create a presentation using a range of media using eBook Creation.