


# What we are learning about this half term

## Year 4

<p><u>This half term our project is:</u> <u>I am Warrior</u> We are going to be learning about the Romans. The children will discover where and how the Roman people lived, the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. The children will discover the different roles within the Roman army and their battle with a fierce Celtic warrior queen! We will also be taking part in an exciting Roman day!</p>	<p><u>English</u> We will be writing a character description about Queen Boudicca. We will then be using our knowledge about Pompeii to write a setting description and then a story opener from a child's point of view. Following this, we will be writing a diary entry linked to Pompeii. Class reader: Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> To start with, we will be looking at place value of numbers to 1000 using hands on equipment to support our learning and moving onto the use of number lines. We will then move onto addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1000. As we are learning about the Romans, we will also be using Roman numerals. Towards the end of the term, will be having weekly times tables lessons.</p>	
<p><u>History/ Geography</u> We will be creating a timeline, placing Romans in history, and learning about the life of a gladiator. We will be using maps and atlases to look at the human features of Rome. We will be learning about 6 figure grid references and how to use them. We will be making comparisons between Rome and Britain.</p>	<p><u>R.E.</u> During R.E. this half term, we will be learning about the life of the Buddha. We will be asking the question Is it possible for everybody to be happy? We will be focusing on the spiritual life of Buddhism.</p>	<p><u>Science</u> We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and their states of matter. We will discover how solids, liquids and gases move and what the molecules look like. We will observe the chemical reaction of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda and begin to learn about how to write science investigations.</p>	<p><u>Art/ D&amp;T</u> Linked with our Romans topic, we will be using our sketching skills and action poses to draw Boudicca. We will be designing and making Roman shields and use them when we learn about battle formations.</p>
<p><u>Computing</u> We will be learning how to protect ourselves from identity theft. Following this, we will be identifying the risks and benefits of installing software and apps onto our devices and the importance of balancing screen time with other parts of your life. We will be learning about the consequences of plagiarism.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> We will be listening and evaluating the music played by the Romans and when and why it was used. We will also be focusing our learning on Mamma Mia by Abba. This will include games, the pulse, rhythm and pitch of music, singing and playing percussion instruments.</p>	<p><u>P.S.H.E</u> Our lessons will involve knowing and understanding our school rules, using courtesy and manners, respecting each other regardless of differences and knowing that we all deserve to be treated with respect. This links to the first school value, 'respect'. We will also be creating a set of classroom rules.</p>	<p><u>P.E.</u> Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday. For our outdoor P.E. this half term, we will be working with Premier sport, focusing on basic skills of throwing and catching and team games. Our indoor P.E. sessions will be focussing on physical literacy, which involves balancing and co-ordination.</p>

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<p><u>M.F.L.</u> We will be revising animals and classroom instructions. Following this, we will be practicing and reciting a French poem and learn part of a French story using actions. We will move onto parts of the body and learn the names of the colours.</p>	<p><u>Homework Expectations</u> Your child will receive spellings every Friday via dojos and <u>Sumdog</u>. Your child will be tested on these on the following Friday. Please ensure your child practises times tables using times tables rockstars and completes the weekly times table homework sheet. Please read with your child each day and fill in the reading journal.</p>	<p><u>Information</u> You will receive a knowledge organiser full of facts about the Romans to help with home learning.</p>	<p><u>Parental Events/ Visits/ Visitors</u> We will be having some Roman visitors to school from a company called Portals to the Past.</p>