ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

Year 4

During this all-conquering topic, we will be studying some of the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) aspects of the invasion of Britain by the Roman Empire. We will do this through investigating their unique cultures and the impact of the invasions on the current religious and national culture of the United Kingdom.

This term's character trait is: **MOTIVATION**

Time Travellers

Our **history** topic begins with the question : *Which of the Roman achievements had the most significant impact on Britain?* To answer this, we will discover what life was like in Britain before the Roman invasion; investigate how the Roman occupation changed Britain and consider what the Romans did for Britain and what remains of their legacy. This is a jam-packed term that will leave all the children full of historical knowledge.

Magical Maths

In our **maths** lessons, we will develop our knowledge and understanding of place value, focusing on; partitioning, estimating, rounding and comparing numbers beyond 1000 using the less than and greater than symbols. We will continue to develop our understanding of formal written methods for addition and subtraction within the context of our topic. These problems, many of which will have two steps, will include questions involving money. We will also learn about Roman Numerals to 100; factors and multiples and we will begin to explore formal written methods for multiplication and division.

Big Questions, Big Ideas.

This term in **RE**, Year 4 pupils will explore how different religions celebrate important moments in life and demonstrate their beliefs through actions and commitments.

Our learning will focus on two key questions:

- How do people welcome new life into the world?
- How do people show their commitment to a religion?

Our **PE** lessons will be on Monday and Thursday. As the colder days draw in, please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor P.E clothes including jogging bottoms and jumpers.

In **art**, we will learn about the still-life work of Cezanne and we will produce our own still life drawings using oil-pastels. In **DT**, we will learn about the diets of the Romans before creating our own pottage.

In **music**, we'll be learning about the notes within an octave and using our voices, as well as tuned and untuned percussion instruments, to explore call and response and ternary form.

Words That Wow!

In **English**, we are excited to begin using Grammarsaurus resources to support our learning in punctuation and grammar. Children will develop their understanding of a range of grammatical skills and learn how to apply them accurately and effectively when writing a non-chronological report and a recount. Along our reading and writing expedition, we will discover how characters are portrayed, by delving into the adventures of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and as a class we will have the exciting opportunity to choose our 'Reading For Pleasure' text.

Curious Minds

During the first term, Professor Abbey will guide us to compare and group different materials in **science**. We will sort and classify states of matter using their clear distinctive features, particularly focusing on solids, liquids and gases and later exploring the processes that occur when a state of matter changes.

During Term Two, we will learn about the water cycle, exploring and identifying the processes: evaporation, condensation and precipitation, with further investigations focusing on how the rate of evaporation and temperature are related.

Growing Together

In **PSHE**, we will begin our Jigsaw journey with the first puzzle piece, Being Me In My World. We will learn about the 3Rs and teamwork, and we will exercise our right to vote when we take part in Bourne Elsea Park's Democracy Day, where we will vote for our own Student Council representatives.

Helping At Home.

We are excited to introduce our new-look Homework Palette, focusing on four key areas: Spellings, Times Tables, Reading for Pleasure and History. The palette is designed to make homework simple, purposeful and enjoyable, while reinforcing key learning from school. We look forward to seeing the children getting stuck in!

Can your child become a Times Table Rock Star?

We are continuing with Times Table Rock Stars in school and are working hard to ensure that your children are given the best opportunity to reach 'Rock God' status (answering questions in less than one second) but you can help at home as well rehearsing tables and practising online or on the app with Times Table Rock Stars.

Our Christian Value this term is **RESPECT.**