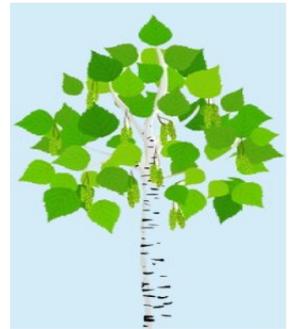




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Year 4 Newsletter

Term 1



DATES

Meet the Teacher

11.09.19
3.30pm - 4:00pm

Roman Experience Day

01.10.19
When pupils have the opportunity to dress as a Roman and participate in ancient Roman activities.

Parents Evening

16.10.19

Celebration Afternoon

23.10.19
2:40 - 3:00pm

End of Term 1

24.10.19

INSET Day

25.10.19

INSET Day

04.11.19

REMINDERS

Mrs Piper-Smith will be teaching in Birch class this year. Mrs Daniel will be teaching in Beech class this year. Mrs Watson and Mrs Hubbard will be supporting the year group. Miss Payne and Miss Muggeridge will also be teaching in Year 4.

PE Kits:

Pupils will need a PE kit in the academy every day which should consist of dark green shorts, a white plain t-shirt (or one with the logo) with trainers or plim-solls. Please ensure that everything is named. During the autumn months, Year 4 will complete some PE sessions outside, as well as some sessions in the school hall. Therefore the pupils also have the option to wear tracksuit bottoms if they prefer, during colder weather. If you wish for your child to wear tracksuit bottoms when PE is outside, please ensure that they also have shorts in school for indoor PE.

Roaming Romans

ENGLISH

This term's key text is "Varjak Paw". Pupils will start by using their powers of inference to identify characters, moods and emotions which the author has implied but not stated implicitly.

Destination Reader will focus on key reading skills throughout the term such as summarising, questioning and inferring using a variety of texts.

Spelling will be taught daily identifying rules and strategies, Eg silent letters, and past tense __ed endings where the final letter is doubled, etc.

Handwriting will focus on letter families, beginning with those with horizontal joins and no ascenders e.g. o, w, v.

MATHS

This term will begin with a focus on number and place value. They will explore the place value of 4 digit numbers. This will include reading and writing the numerals as well as calculating. Learning will progress to solving addition and subtraction number sentences using a range of mental and written methods. Reasoning and problem solving will be included in each lesson.

We will revisit year 3 times tables of 3,4 and 5 before progressing further.

Speedy maths will include mental maths revising strategies learned so far.

Pupils will also have access to Mathletics to underpin their learning.

Learning Journey

This term's learning journey starts the 'Roaming Romans'! Pupils will be engaged in a jam-packed term of creative learning. In week 1 they will create a timeline and explore the myth of Romulus and Remus. In week 2 they will investigate how and why Rome was founded in its particular location. After that they will explore what life was like for Britons before the Romans invaded. They will research into why the Roman Empire was so successful and why Romans wanted to invade other countries. The final week will be spent finding out which legacies the Romans have left us. This topic will link across both maths and English as the pupils explore Roman numerals and the stories of 'Romulus and Remus'.

DT

Pupils will make Roman style mosaics. They will use roman icons as their inspiration for their mosaics. The pupils will plan and design their mosaics to ensure that they are effective.

Art

Pupils will create art in Pre-Raphaelite style depicting images and subject matter inspired by the Romans.

Music

Pupils will explore Roman theme inspired performance music and composition using a range of percussion instruments with a focus on rhythm and tempo.

RE

This term pupils will be looking at the significance of Abraham in Judaism, exploring his life and learn about the importance of Jerusalem to the religion.

PSHEe

This term the pupils are going to focus on living in the wider world - looking at transitions, healthy lifestyles and keeping safe.

COMPUTING

We will be looking at e-safety and the importance of keeping safe online by, for example, creating online profiles with a focus on which information is age appropriate and what is safe to publish.

Reminders

School uniform should be comprised of :

Green sweatshirt / cardigan with academy logo

Green fleeces with academy logo

Yellow polo shirt with academy logo

Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore (not black)

Plain black shoes or trainers

Dark grey/ black/white socks

Or black/dark green/dark grey tights

Can we remind parents to label all clothing.

