

Year 4's Curriculum Newsletter

We are brave, powerful warriors, and we will meet in battle!

This half term, we'll divide into two warring groups: the Celts and the Romans. In our battle games, who will be victorious? We'll research Celtic and Roman warriors and write soliloquies as soldiers. Using different source materials we'll investigate the Roman Empire and read Roman numerals. After designing and making shields, we'll test them in battle and practise our attacking and defending skills. The Celtic warrior queen, Boudicca, will inspire us to create stories, models and artwork. We'll write plays about gladiators and a menu for wealthy Romans. Using maps, globes and information books, we'll compare Britain (the home of the Celts) and Rome (the home of the Romans).

At the end of the ILP, we'll reflect on what the Romans did for us. We'll become archaeologists, examining and sorting artefacts. You'll receive an invitation to our art gallery where we'll give guided tours to explain what we have learnt.

ILP focus	History
English	Soliloquies, historical stories, play scripts, instructions, invitations and menus
History	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
Art & design	Drawing, sculpture, mosaic, jewellery making
D&T	Shields and helmets, Roman food, Roman design
Geography	Comparing Britain and Italy, using maps, locational knowledge, human and physical geography
Mathematics	Reading Roman numerals
PE	Competitive games, building strength and agility
PSHE	Recognising achievements
Music	Daily Dashboard
Festival	Eid
French	On Our Travels
Rights Respecting	Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Help your child prepare for their project

The Romans changed the course of England's history. Why not visit a museum together or look at Roman artefacts online to see what you can learn about the Romans? You could also look at holiday brochures and online information to find out about modern day Rome. Which tourist attractions would you like to visit? Alternatively, you could work together to make a model of a Roman villa using recycled materials

Year 4 notices:

- Please make sure that children are in school, on time, so that they can complete morning activities and get ready for the school day. Lessons start at 8.45am.
- As the weather is now turning colder, please make sure your children bring in their **coats**.
- Please remember that your child should come into school on their PE days wearing their **PE kit**. This includes black jogging bottoms or leggings, a red crew neck t-shirt, their school red jumper and black trainers or pumps. Children can bring in their pumps to change into if needed.
- Our **PE day** is Thursday.
- Children can have a **fruit snack** at playtime. Please remember to bring fruit in.
- Children will be practising their timestables regularly in class in Year 4, children need to make sure that they are practising regularly at home and accessing 'Timestable Rockstars.'
- Your child will be sent with a book to read at home. Please make sure they are reading at home regularly and accessing bugclub.
- Your child will be given homework on 'Google Classrooms' and will be given their own usernames and passwords. This needs to be completed before every Thursday.