

# Year 4 Owls Class Autumn 1 Curriculum Outline

Our study into 'Romans in Britain' this term will flow through many of our subjects in a range of different ways. Please find out below the outline of our learning in Term 1.

## English

In reading we will improve our VIPERS skills which will be used to interrogate both fiction and non-fiction texts, many of which will be linked to our topic; Romans. One of the class books we will be reading this term is Julius Zebra by Gary Northfield.

Our writing genres this term include narratives, non-fiction, non-chronological reports, and newspapers. All of these will link to our topic of Romans in some way.

In grammar we will focus on the use of conjunctions. We will also go into depth about the use of similes and metaphors, including what the difference is and when it is appropriate to use each one.

Spelling will start in Week 2 this term, and will include homophones, challenge words and prefixes such as 'in' 'il' 'im' 'ir' 'sub' 'inter' and the suffix 'action'. Throughout these spelling sessions we will use dictionaries and thesauruses. In addition there will be a continued emphasis on presentation and neat handwriting this term.

## Art and DT

Our art topic this term is 'Sculpture and 3D master pieces'.

Throughout this module we will explore different manipulatives, such as soap, wire and recycled materials. We will learn about Picasso, and how his designed are still admired to this day.

## Maths

This term in maths, Year 4 will be working through two 'Number' units. These are place value, as well as addition and subtraction. As a school we have made the choice to change schemes this year. We are now following the White Rose Scheme which is a very well know and highly recommended scheme.

Place Value- number to 1000 followed by numbers to 10000

- Representing
- Partitioning
- Estimating
- Rounding

Addition & Subtraction- up to 4-digit numbers

- Column method
- No exchange
- Exchange 1-digit
- Exchange more than 1-digit
- Estimating

## Computing

'The Internet' is our unit title this term. We will discover what the internet is, what a website is and how owns the internet. We will also look in to how it works. This includes an e-safety module.

## Science

'Sound' is our unit focus this term. We will take part into a number of practical enquires to find out what sounds is, the relation between the strength of vibration and volume of sound, and so much more! This topic is hands on and makes children question lots of their prior scientific knowledge.

## PE

In addition to the daily mile, children will be doing PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.

Hockey - pupils will learn to hold a hockey stick as well as be able to dribble the ball with control. Hockey is a new sport for most of Year 4 this term so we will be investigating basic attacking and defending strategies during game play. Please remember to send in a mouth guard and shin pads.

Tag Rugby - pupils will learn to throw a ruby ball over two metres, as well as tagging others, creating spaces in play. They will end the term with he understanding that in attach the shape formed by players should look like an arrow head. However, in defence the line should be flat and push up together. We will apply these to a tournament style game, where we will all pick up the rules of the game more quickly.

## RE- Christianity

In term 1 we study Creation. Through this topic, question are asked to deepen our learning. These could be in relating to the creation story wheel, the charter, the fall, the ten commandments or forgiveness, along with many more intriguing questions. As a school we come together for collective worship and link our class learning to it.

## History/Geography

In Year 4 we will study 'Romans in Britain' looking at the invasion causes and impacts. This will continue through the Autumn Term 2 as well.

Key areas of learning include:

- Timeline
- Emperor Claudias
- Army
- Roman villas
- Gladiators

## PSHE

We follow the Year 4 SCARF curriculum for our PSHE lessons and integrate the values (empathy, and inclusivity) in all areas of our studies. This term we look at 'Me & My relationships'. We are very lucky to have Ms Brooker teaching PSHE throughout the school.

## French

This is the first year that Year 4 are lucky enough to have Ms Hanna teach our lessons. Ms Hanna uses a range of songs, stories, rhymes, and games within our learning to make it fun and exciting.

## Music

We are the only year group in the school to be learning the ukulele. Children will develop their skill with the instrument and their understanding of staff and other musical notations. In addition, we will use percussion in other areas of the curriculum to develop rhythms and incorporate songs in our learning.