

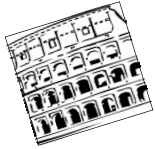
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Year 4/5 Topic Letter

This half term's topic is:
The Romans in Britain



Literacy



This half term, the Year 4/5 children will learn about poetry, play scripts and news reports. They will learn the features of each type of genre. The children will learn to write a variety of poems and will be able to write their own play script or part of a play script. In addition, we will do work on volcanoes and earthquakes. They will read and listen to information about earthquakes and volcanoes and will then be able to speak, listen and respond to the subject in a variety of ways.

They will also continue to do weekly spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting work, as well as a range of reading comprehension tasks.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, Year 4/5 will learn about keeping positive and commenting on the way the behaviour they choose is supporting rules. They will also learn that rules are there to keep each other safe and to enable them to listen and be listened to. Finally, they will learn why and how rules and laws are made and enforced.

R. E.



This half term, the children will continue to learn about the religion of Hinduism. They will look at how they worship and what their beliefs are. They will also learn

about the festival of Holi and its importance to the Hindus. They will also learn all about the Christmas story.

Numeracy



In numeracy, the children will complete number work involving the four operations. They will also cover work across a range of maths topics: place value, problem solving, reading and interpreting information from a variety of tables and charts, fractions and decimals.

The children will also continue weekly skills work, mental maths work, times tables work and numeracy games to help improve their mental strategies.

P. E.



This half term, children will learn the skills necessary for balancing and moving across apparatus in gymnastics lessons.

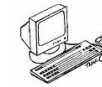
In country dancing, they will learn a variety of country dances. They will dance with a partner in groups of eight.

Topic

The children will learn about volcanoes and earthquakes. They will learn: how they were formed; their locations on world maps; they will understand the importance of tectonic plates in causing volcanic eruptions and earthquakes; they will learn all of the terminology related to these catastrophic events. Year 4/5 will also learn about the different types of volcanoes and earthquakes that there are.



Art/ICT



In art, the children will complete their Roman mosaics. They will then sketch, draw and paint a picture of a volcano erupting and will be making a 3-D volcano. They will also make a Christmas card, calendar and Christmas wreath.

In ICT, the children will continue to complete the Scratch programming that they began last half term. They will search the Internet safely to learn about the volcanoes and earthquakes and about their work in science on electricity.

Science



In science, the children will learn about electricity. They will construct simple circuits and draw them. They will find which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to make switches. They will wire plugs and find what happens to a bulb's brightness when circuits are changed. They will research scientists such as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison and Michael Faraday and find out what their contribution is to our understanding of electricity.

Important dates to remember:

P.E. will be on a Monday and Friday. However, there may be opportunities for children to do P.E. outside on other days of the week, so they need to bring a P.E. kit to school every day!

Thank you for your continued support.