

Year 4 Newsletter

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English In English we will be reading Roman myths and innovating them to write our own versions. We will use talk for writing to retell the myths that we've read. The children will learn about developing the character and setting, as well as following the story mountain sequence to write imaginative myths.

This half term we will continue to build on dictionary and thesaurus work, to help the children become independent learners. They will have opportunities to find meanings of new words and substitute common words for more interesting ones.

Our SPAG lessons (spelling, punctuation and grammar) will focus on using an apostrophe for plural noun possession. The children will be expected to complete homework based on what they have learned in class. The children will be developing complex sentences using a range of different sentence starters eg instead of just 'The Romans enjoyed food the children could write 'The Romans enjoyed food, loved marching but hated the weather in Britain.

Swimming

Despite the change in the weather, children will continue to go swimming on a Monday.

The children need to wear a waterproof coat to school with a hood or hat as we will continue to walk to the Withington swimming baths.

Our Big Question...

This half term, we will be starting the big question, "Who were the rotten Romans?"

We will be learning about why Romans needed to build forts and who the well-known Romans were. The children will hear the story of Boudicca and learn about why she was so famous. In Art and design, we will be making model Roman masks. We will be visiting The Grosvenor Museum in Chester and finding out what Romans invented and still impact in our lives today.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to focus on solving a range of word problems. Check out the blog for problem solving activities.

We will focus mainly on fractions of numbers and comparing them to decimal numbers and measure. They will be learning about equivalent fractions eg $\frac{1}{2}$ equivalent to $\frac{2}{4}$. The children will be identifying both the tenths and hundredths numbers - saying which fraction represents it and giving reasons for their answers.

Olympic times table challenges will be tested every Friday, so get practising at home and join in, practising using the links on the school blog. Parents and carers remember to leave a comment.

Attendance

It is vital that your child gets to school on-time every day. The doors are open from 8.50am so your child can complete their morning task, before the bell goes at 9am.

Classes are rewarded with £5 vouchers for the best attendance.

Can you get 100% attendance this half term?

Gym kit

The children do gymnastics or dance every Thursday, please make sure they have black shorts and a white top.

They are on sale in the office

Roman trip to Chester

Please could you complete the permission slip ASAP. You can pay by instalments if you wish or set up payments using 'Parent pay.'