

**Year 4 Our World –  
Learning from the past and shaping the  
future.**

**Summer Term - The Romans**



**Design and Technology**

Children will be learning about how Roman roads were designed, structured, and built. The children will then be able to build their own Roman road using edible ingredients. Children will also be learning engineering skills to construct a model functioning Roman catapult.

**PE**

Children will be developing their athletics skills this term ahead of sports day and competitions. They will also be learning ball and racket skills in tennis.

**Art**

As the Roman soldiers had quite elaborate and deliberate designs on the shields they took into battle the children will be designing their own Roman Shield and painting their designs onto a cardboard model.

**Science**

Children will look at electricity and energy and how they are linked as well as exploring building functioning electrical circuits and the purpose of the different components within a circuit. They will also explore different types of energy and where these can be seen as well as the potential dangers of electricity if misused.

**English**

This term we are using our Romans topic as a focus. We will begin by looking at myths and legends. We will retell well known stories and lead onto creating our own story. We will then use our topic Romans to look at non-chronological reports and create our own. After half term, we will begin studying the book 'Escape from Pompeii.' We will write sensory descriptions, perform plays based on the book and write a descriptive recount. We will then create a newspaper report based on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We will be using Accelerated Reader daily and cracking comprehension once a week.

**History**

Children will learn about the Celts living in Britain before the Roman invasion. They will analyse Boudicca's rebellion and relate it to modern day invasions. They will investigate how the Roman army were organised to build Roman towns, roads, villas, and forts and which still exist today. The children will also compare Roman food, clothes, religion, and the famous Roman baths/spas. By understanding how the Roman's lived in the past, we can understand how they shaped Britain to be the way it is today.

**Geography**

Children will learn about the Romans in Italy and their invasion across Europe. Focus will then be on how Britain changed as a result of the Romans building towns and roads. By learning about the Romans past, we can see how they have shaped our future.

**Music**

The children will continue to develop their skills in weekly music lessons from the Milton Keynes music service. This term they will be learning to play various instruments to create a samba sound.

**Computing**

The children will be looking at taking photos with devices and editing them using digital apps. They will look at skills such as cropping and adding visual effects to digital images and explore taking photos of a range of different stimulus.

**RE**

**Pentecost Serving** - Please see the RE newsletter for ideas of how to help at home.