



Summer Term – Year 3/4

2022/2023

Reading

Our focus book for Guided Reading this term will be 'Empire's End' by Leila Rasheed which links to our topic of Ancient Rome and the Roman Empire this term. In our reading lessons we will use our focus book as well as a range of other texts to answer questions focused on using inference skills to deduce characters' thoughts and feelings and help explain actions. We will also continue to work on our retrieval skills, making sure we answer questions carefully where it asks for specific wording from the text. If there are any words that we are unsure of, we will use a dictionary to find out the meaning.

Writing

Our Writing lessons this term will also focus around the book 'Empire's End' by Leila Rasheed. We will focus on the skills needed to write diaries, newspaper reports, explanations as well as creating narratives. We will make cross-curricular links with the foundation subjects such as; history, geography, art, and technology. We will continue to work on the skills and processes that are essential for writing such as: thinking aloud to explore ideas, drafting, and re-reading to check that meaning is clear.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about fractions, telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, properties of shape and space, as well as volume and capacity. In class, we will also consolidate prior learning that we have looked at during the year. We will apply our learning to a variety of problem solving and reasoning questions.

Topic

The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain

British Value	RSHE
Democracy	<p>Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing Year 3: Health choices and habits, What affects feelings, Expressing feelings. Year 4: Maintaining a balanced lifestyle, oral hygiene and dental care.</p> <p>Growing and Changing Year 3: Personal strengths and achievements, managing and reframing setbacks. Year 4: Physical and emotional changes in puberty, personal hygiene.</p> <p>Keeping Safe Year 3: Risks and hazards, safety in the local environment and unfamiliar places. Year 4: Medicines and household products, drugs common to everyday life.</p>

History

In history, we will be learning about Early Rome and the Roman Empire, including significant individuals such as Boudicca.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about water pollution and the water cycle.

Science

In Year 3, we will be looking at forces/ magnets and then plants.
In Year 4, our topics will be Electricity and Sound. We will look at everyday electricity and circuits, and vibration, volume and pitch.

RE

We will be focusing our learning around the question 'Why Do People Pray?'. We will look at the similarities and differences of function of prayer in different religions.

Computing

In computing, we are learning about the importance of Online Safety. We are also finding out what coding is and its importance. The children will then learn how add, correct and create their own code.

Art

We will be learning about the artist Antoni Gaudi, using sketching techniques to design and then make a mosaic.

DT

Whilst learning about the Romans' daily life, we will look at Roman castles and defence and make catapults.

Music

We will be focusing our learning around the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly.' We will learn the song and use glockenspiels to play along with it. We will also be improvising and composing our own rhythms.

PE

In PE, the children are going to take part in Athletics activities and they will also learn the skills to play a game of Rounders.

MFL

In French, Year 3 will be focusing on phonics and reading skills. Year 4 will be developing our knowledge of word classes and beginning to use bilingual dictionaries. We will also learn to talk about what we do in our free time.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on a Monday and is to be returned the following Monday. If homework is not returned on the correct day (Monday), we can't guarantee it will be marked before it is returned home.

School reading books will be changed on Monday and Thursday.

Things you can do at home:

- Read your reading book every day.
- Visit <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> for ebooks which you could read.
- Practice your times tables on TTRS.
- Complete activities from Purplemash
<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/newton-wf1>
- www.topmarks.co.uk have lots of other Maths games for you to play
- Practice your handwriting ensuring letters are of equal size and joined.

Key Dates

Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check begins Monday 5th June 2023.

From now until the end of the school year, can your child continue to practise and learn their times tables on Times Tables Rocks Stars.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns please email us

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