

### English

The children will be writing stories inspired by Paddington Bear in Term 1 which will then be used to aid in inventing their explanation texts. In Term 2, they will be writing their own myth. A spelling list will be sent home weekly on a Friday to be tested on the following Friday. Reading books will come home each night and it is the child's responsibility to change their book when necessary.

### Computing

Year 4 will be using programs to produce a digital composition to accompany a Roman scenario. In Term 2, the children will be designing and playing their own inter-active computer game.

### RE

We will be finding out about the important features of Judaism and how people of the Jewish faith celebrate their religion. We also be looking at the special relationship Jews have with God and the importance of Harvest for Christians. Towards the end of term, we will be looking at the Christmas story through the context of journeys. This term's Collective Worship themes are Honesty and Respect.

### Science

The children will learn about Sound. They will be investigating differences of pitch and volume. After half term, they will then move onto Electricity: learning about safety aspects, making and testing electrical circuits and investigating insulators and conductors.

### French

In French the children will be revisiting colour names and numbers. They will then label the parts of the face and body.

### Maths

The children will start the term by looking at number bonds. They will then move on to addition and subtraction using the methods outlined on our calculation policy, found on our School website. Times tables tests and division equivalents will take place every week. It is important that times tables, division equivalents and number bonds are practised at home as they impact so many areas of maths.

### History

This term Year 4 will be studying the Romans incorporating many other areas of the curriculum. The children will learn why the Romans were so powerful, their legacy and comparing their everyday life to ours.

### PSHE

The theme will be Being Me in my World: Becoming a Class Team, Being a School Citizen and Right, Responsibilities and Democracy.

### Music

This term the year 4 children begin their 'First Access' music course. Children will be given either a brass or woodwind instrument, free of charge, for the course of a year. They will be expected to bring this instrument to school every Thursday ready for their music session. Initially, children will be taught how to look after and put together their instrument as well as how to produce a sound. They will then progress to simple ensemble songs and building on their performance technique. Children in Year 4 will also be learning songs ready for the school's Harvest Festival and Christmas celebrations.

## Year 4 Term 1 and 2 The Romans



### PE

The children will be focusing on Yoga before moving onto gymnastic skills, creating their own sequences. In games the children will learn attacking skills, learning to keep possession as a team and moving into scoring positions. Children will experience and improve skills in sending, receiving, striking and travelling with a ball in a range of sports. PE/games kit will need to be in school on Monday and Wednesdays.

### Art/DT

Children will be creating their own Escher inspired piece of art work using tessellation and colour. Linking with the topic theme, they will be sketching Roman artefacts and buildings. The children will make shields which will be used to recreate a Roman battle formation. In DT the children will be 'lighting designers' where they will create a Christmas themed model using circuits and lights. It would be helpful if each child could bring in an old shirt to protect their uniform when painting.

### **Voluntary activities and Useful websites:**

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science)
- Practise times tables up to x12 e.g.  $12 \times 5 = 40$  and division equivalents e.g.  $40 \div 5 = 12$
- Visit your local library
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)
- [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)
- School website [bloxhamprimary.co.uk](http://bloxhamprimary.co.uk)

Please ensure that your child has a **named** PE kit in school **every day**. PE kit is a plain red or white T-shirt and black shorts for indoor PE. For outdoor PE, children will need to be prepared by having jogging bottoms, a warm top and a pair of trainers. Football shirts **are not** allowed for PE lessons!

Please also ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school every day. This must contain only water.

It is a good idea to send a snack for your child to eat at break time. However, this must only be fruit or vegetables. Please send your child into school wearing a suitably warm coat as they will be going outside to play in most weather conditions.

Your child's learning pouch **must** come into school with them every day, containing their reading book and record and the week's spellingsheet. Target cards for reading, writing and maths will be sent home every Monday for you to discuss your child's learning with them.

Home learning will be given on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Musical instruments need to be in school **every Thursday**.