

# 'Everyone valued, everyone challenged, everyone achieving'

## English



**Writing** - Our English units will mainly link in with our History topic, The Romans and Black History month.

We will be:

- Reading and writing our own myth based on Romulus and Remus;
- Writing recounts within the context of the Roman invasion.
- Writing stories with historical descriptions or settings.
- Writing poetry linked to Black History, which will become part of our music project.

**Reading** - During Guided Reading the children will focus on:

- Developing different reading strategies;
- Improving their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

They will be taught to:

- Provide evidence from the text;
- Make sensible predictions;
- Clarify meanings;
- Summarise text.

**Speak Up!** - We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing.

## **Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2017/18**

Mr. Dickey (YGL) - 4D

Ms. Hamida - 4H

Mr. Gaggini - 4G

Ms. Begum - 4B



We continue to thank parents for their partnership with our school and their involvement in their child's learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

## Computing



Computing will be included within all subjects, but we will have a specific focus on Online Safety. This is something we take very seriously and encourage you to discuss with your children. We will also be taking a basic skills unit.

## Maths

In Maths we will aim to master:

- Place value;
- Addition and subtraction;
- Investigation skills;
- Problem solving;
- Rounding;

Children must learn their times tables off by heart up to 12x12.



## Science

We are learning about Sound. We will explore:

- How sounds are made and how they travel ;
- How sounds can be changed.

Our second topic will be 'States of Matter', covering:

- Grouping materials together according to if they are solids, liquids or gases;
- Exploring how materials can change state when they are heated or cooled;
- The water cycle.



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## R.E/PSHE



**R.E.** - We will be looking at The Bible and why it is important to Christians.

**PSHE** - Our topic will be 'Getting on and Falling Out' where the children will use role play to encourage positive relationships. We will also be undertaking anti-bullying week.



4D - Mondays/Tuesdays

4B - Mondays/Tuesdays

4H - Mondays/Wednesdays

4G - Tuesdays/Wednesdays

Please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit on a Monday they will take it home to wash on a Friday.

## Art/DT/Music



**Music** - Ukelele lessons will be provided on a weekly basis during our ECaM sessions.

**Art & DT** - We will make musical instruments in DT to link with our 'Sound' Science unit. We will also be creating Roman shields and swords.

## Home Learning

Homework is a continuation of school work at home and is a great opportunity for your child to practice the skills they have learnt.

**Reading** - For the children to progress in their reading, they need to read aloud daily. Please write a short comment in their reading log to communicate to us how they are reading at home.

**Spellings** - Weekly spellings should be practiced at home daily using the Read, Write, Look, Cover, Check strategy.

**English** - Please check your child's homework book. Homework will relate to the unit of work for that week. We expect a high standard of writing, the same as we would expect in a lesson.

**Maths** - Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week and is set on the Mathletics website.

Website: [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

Children also need to learn their times tables off by heart at home up to 12x12.

**Speak Up!** - A poem will be given to be learned off by heart at the beginning of each half term. These will be performed in an assembly each half term.



## History



**History** - Our topic will be about The Romans.

Children will:

- Learn about Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55 - 54 BC.
- We will study the power of the Roman army, successful Roman invasions and the British resistance through exploring who Boudicca was.
- Explore a timeline of Roman history.

A very exciting topic that will link to English and DT!

## Educational Visits



This term Year 4 will be given the amazing opportunity to take part in a music project. The theme of this project will be Black History. As part of this we will have the highly skilled Big Music Company visit us in school. Trained musicians will work with the children and teach us performance skills.