

Autumn Term - Year 4



English



Writing

This term, we will be exploring *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit to develop our narrative writing skills. Children will learn how to use a range of features, including personification, expanded noun phrases and metaphors, to describe events and convey the emotions of the people of Pompeii. Using *The Land of Roar* as a model text, we will also develop our fantasy writing. Children will experiment with a variety of sentence types, use all five senses to create vivid descriptions, and build mystery and tension to engage their readers.

Key vocabulary: fronted adverbials, metaphors, similes.

Reading

This term, we are focusing on retrieval and inference skills through a range of engaging text types. We are developing our ability to find and explain evidence from a text, make thoughtful predictions, and draw conclusions using clues from what we have read. Through regular reading opportunities and discussion, we are strengthening our comprehension skills, broadening our vocabulary, and building confidence as readers.

Key Vocabulary: inference, retrieval, prediction.



Maths

We will begin by strengthening our understanding of place value with numbers up to 1,000 before extending this knowledge to numbers up to at least 10,000. Children will use practical resources to partition, combine, estimate, order and round numbers, developing a secure understanding of number relationships. We will continue to build confidence with efficient addition and subtraction methods using numbers of up to four digits. Multiplication and division facts will be regularly practised to support rapid recall, while negative numbers and Roman numerals will also be introduced.

Key vocabulary: place value, estimate, partition.

Science

This term, we are learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. We are exploring how living things can be classified and grouped according to their characteristics and learning why scientists use classification systems. In addition, we are learning about states of matter through the exciting theme of potions in stories, poems and films. By following a series of clues, we are embarking on a journey of discovery to investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

Key vocabulary: habitats, classification, properties



History

This term in History, Year 4 will be learning about the fascinating Romans and their impact on Britain. We will explore how the Roman Empire grew, discover what life was like for Roman soldiers and citizens, and investigate why the Romans invaded Britain. The children will examine historical artefacts, learn about significant events such as Boudicca's rebellion, and compare Roman Britain with life today. We are looking forward to developing our historical enquiry skills while uncovering the lasting legacy of the Romans.



Key vocabulary:
Colosseum, empire, emperor.



Geography

This term, Year 4 will be learning about the counties and cities of the United Kingdom, using maps and atlases to locate key places and explore human and physical features. We will also develop our map skills by using compass points, grid references and Ordnance Survey symbols to investigate and navigate different areas.

Key vocabulary:
county, grid reference, compass.



Religious Education

This term, Year 4 will be learning about Harvest and exploring how religious beliefs encourage people to care for the environment and help others. We will reflect on how these teachings can influence our own actions.

Key vocabulary:
Harvest, stewardship, environment





Music

This term, Year 4 will be learning to play the ukulele, developing their skills in rhythm, melody and reading simple musical notation.

Key vocabulary:
Melody, Rhythm, Notation



French

This term, Year 4 will learn French greetings, practise numbers, and explore the names of rooms in the house. Through games, songs and conversations, they will build their confidence and develop their French vocabulary and speaking skills.

Key vocabulary:
Bonjour (Hello), Cinq (Five), Cuisine (kitchen)



Art

Children will investigate well-known buildings and landmarks, looking closely at their shapes, structures and design features. They will develop their drawing and sketching skills while creating their own architectural designs inspired by some of the world's most iconic buildings.

Key vocabulary:
architecture, landmark, structure.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, Year 4 will learn about Democracy, pupil voice, and the importance of rules and rights. Through discussions and activities, they will explore how everyone can have a say, make fair choices, and show respect for democracy, rights and others.

Key vocabulary:
Democracy, Rights, Rules



P.E

This term in PE, Year 4 will be developing their skills in gymnastics and dance, with our dance unit inspired by the Romans. Children will also take part in invasion games, including hockey, where they will practise teamwork, communication, strategy and competitive skills while learning to play fairly and support one another.

Key vocabulary:
balance, teamwork, canon.



Computing

This term Year 4 will learn how the internet works, how to stay safe online, and how to check whether information on the web is trustworthy.

Key vocabulary:
Internet, Online Safety, Reliability

