

Year 4 Newsletter – Term 4

Jacaranda



Jacaranda: Miss Emms
(Mrs Hobby - Tuesdays AM)
Mrs Bolejko
PE: Wednesday
Thursday Swimming
Forest School: Not this term

Tamarisk



Tamarisk: Mrs Bennett
(Mrs Collins - Tuesdays and Wednesdays AM)
Mr Burgess and Mrs Martin
PE: Wednesday
Thursday Swimming
Forest School: Not this term

How did the Romans impact on Britain?

English

In class, we will be using the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. Throughout the unit, the children will be working on writing the story from the view point from one of the children. They will practice using different verb tenses, including standard English. Organising paragraphs, using fronted adverbials and using punctuation for direct speech.



Maths

The focus this term is fractions. We will be exploring equivalent fractions, fractions greater than 1, adding and subtracting fractions and fractions of amounts. They will then be moving on to decimals to be able to count in tenths and hundredths and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Each week, children will also revisit written methods for the 4 main operations and apply them to problem solving.

History and Art

The topic for the term is the Romans. Children will look at the invasion of the Roman empire in Britain. They will explore why the Roman army was so powerful; what the Romans introduced and left behind in Britain to understand the impact they had on the country.

PSHE

The theme is 'Rights and Responsibilities'. The children will think about who keeps us safe and healthy, what rights they have as children, how they can be responsible in particular how they can help the environment.

Art

Children will be developing sketching skills, mixing paint and creating shades linked to plants and creating nature inspired art.

RE

The big question is 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?' Children will learn about events of Holy Week and how Christians remember. The symbols used to represent Jesus in Holy Communion and to represent a Christian. They will think about what Peter's denial can teach a Christian.



Computing

The focus is programming. The children will use a Scratch programme to enter code to create an animation based on the book Escape from Pompeii. They will learn how to create loops, broadcast and use if commands.

Science

The theme for the term is 'Living things in their habitats'. The children will learn about how animals and plants can be grouped according to their characteristics. They will use branching keys and create them to help identify particular living things.



PE

This term, the children will have tennis improving ball and batting skills and swimming.

Music

'The Romans are coming!' In this topic, pupils will develop their understanding of repeating patterns in music. They will learn about motifs and how to adapt and rearrange them. They will then perform their music.

French

Linked to the science the children will be learning French words for mini-beasts- les petites bêtes. They will also be revising colours and numbers.

**Term 4 Christian Value:
WISDOM**

**For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come
knowledge and understanding
Proverbs 2:6**

Please make sure your child brings in their reading record and reading book **EVERYDAY.**

They need a named drink bottle in school at all times!

Please make sure your child has a coat (named) as the weather is wet and cold.