

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

How can we prove that the Romans had a positive impact on life in Britain?

Non-fiction: Newspaper Report

Literacy

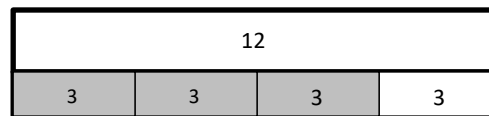
We are beginning this term by focussing on a newspaper report. We will look at the features of these including direct and indirect speech. We will focus on word choices and impact on the reader as well as using past tense verbs correctly. We will then innovate our story to a newspaper report on an aspect of Roman life- using the history knowledge we gain through the topic. Later in the term, we will create a non-chronological report on one invention made by the Romans. We will create a double page spread in our books, illustrating and labelling just like in a non-fiction book.

Maths

This term we will be focussing again on our times tables and testing the children regularly- it is very important the children practice these weekly at home. Times Tables Rock Stars is ideal for this. You can also use a website called Maths Frame and click on Timestables check; this simulates the assessment they will do at the end of the year. Throughout the term we will look at multiplication and division, including some formal written methods for these. We will then be using our knowledge of number and timestables to help us with our fractions. We will look at fractions and decimals; finding fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting them.

E.g. $5/10 + 4/10 = 9/10$

$\frac{3}{4}$ of 12 = 9 We will use the bar model to help us understand these. E.g.



$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 12 = 3$$
$$3 \times 3 = 9$$



Physical Education

We will focus on hockey next term. Starting by learning how to hold the stick and hit the ball and building up to passing, keeping possession and playing small games. As it is a winter term, please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and a jumper in their PE bag as we will be outside for all PE sessions.

PE Kit is **white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, a black jumper and trainers**. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson.

History

Our main topic this term is history. We will be building on our Greek knowledge and learning about the Romans. We will discover what impact they have had on our lives today and researching many of the amazing inventions they made. Then we will have an in class debate as to what invention had the greatest impact on us now. The children will work in groups and develop lots of 21st century skills they will need in life and in the future. We will then cast a vote to decide which invention has the most impact.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 4th January – Start of Term 3
- Friday 21st January – Homework projects due
- Tuesday 1st Feb and Thursday 3rd February – Parents evenings
- Friday 18th February – End of term 3

Local Hero Wins Medal

Yesterday, local fireman hero John Smith, 30 years old, was awarded a medal at a special ceremony in the palace for his bravery in rescuing a girl from a burning building.

In December last year, heroic John, despite being off duty, put his fire fighting skills to great use by saving little Mary from the burning block of flats. The fire had been started as Mary tried to light a candle on her mum's birthday cake. He arrived at the flat just in time to save the girl and her Mummy. John courageously battled the burning flames and leapt from the burning building with Mary over his shoulder.

John told The Daily News that he was feeling very chipper about being awarded a medal. "I never expected that, I only did what any fireman would have done. It was the proudest moment of my life," he said. With Mary and her mum now out of hospital, her family and friends can breathe a sigh of relief. But little girls should still take John's advice and never play with matches.