



Kibworth Primary School

Year 4, Autumn Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to year 4! We have two sessions of PE a week. These will be on Monday and Friday. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor kits are in school as we might take advantage of a sunny warm day

or move inside if it is too wet or cold!

As the children begin to engage in our first topic 'I am Warrior', they will discover what life was like in Britain before the Roman invasion; building their very own Celtic roundhouses up on the school field. We are excited about marching further into the topic when we have a visit from UP AN' AT 'EM! HISTORY to learn first-hand more about Roman Britain.

Throughout the half term we shall continue to step back in time to ask 'What have the Romans ever done for us?' - exploring when and why the Romans invaded and what they did to change the face of Britain forever.

English

Fiction - Story Writing
(Skill - Sentence structures)

The children will be recapping learning they have learnt previously and will be looking at different sentence structures. These will include simple and compound sentences and adding conjunctions to sentences. We will then recap co-ordinating conjunctions like FANBOYS. At the end of the unit children will write a part of a story to apply the skills they have developed in English.

Fiction - Story Writing
(Skill - Fronted Adverbials)

The children will look at a range of opening paragraphs to stories to investigate how a range of sentence structures can engage the reader. We will start by identifying adverbial phrases in existing sentences and explore how these can be re-organised to create interesting sentence openers. The children will take part in drama activities to inspire descriptive writing about Roman and Celtic warriors' ventures into battle.

Maths

Place Value

The children will focus on recognising the place value of each digit in 4-digit numbers and become confident in ordering, rounding and finding 1000 more or less than a given number. They will then start to apply this knowledge to solve problems whilst reasoning and explaining their thinking.

Addition and Subtraction

The children will further their ability to partition numbers in different ways to build a range of mental strategies for addition and subtraction. They will focus on estimating and using inverse operations to check answers to calculations, and begin to add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction.

Roman Numerals

Linking to our Romans topic, the children will learn to identify Roman numerals to 100 noticing how the number system changed. They will use this knowledge to problem solve with a focus on verbal mathematical reasoning.

Science

Teeth and Digestion

The children will learn to identify and compare the different types of teeth and their functions; recognising what might threaten the health of our teeth and suggesting ways to protect them. They will learn about the basic parts of the human digestive system and what happens to food as it passes through the body.





History and Geography

I am Warrior (Romans)

The children will explore how life in Britain changed after the Roman invasion; moving from the Iron Age of the Celts to Roman Britain. They will learn about the famous historical figure Boudicca and her impact on British history. They will improve their geographical knowledge and map reading skills by learning about the

		expanding Roman Empire and discovering how the Romans changed the face of England forever.
Art	Theatre masks	The children will research where masks originated from and explore how they were created. They will then get the opportunity to design and practise creating their own mask. Once they have completed the design, they will make and evaluate their final piece.
ICT	Publisher	The children will continue to develop using word processing software to support and enhance their writing and presentation of texts. They will learn to insert text boxes, format text within them and change their colour/borders. They will also learn how to copy and paste images from the internet. They will then apply all of these skills to make a poster about the Romans.
PE	Invasion Games - Football	The children will develop a range of skills, devise rules and use and adapt tactics in different situations. They will learn which activities help speed, strength, stamina and utilise these when getting involved in games.
RE	How does God teach us to Live?	The children will explore how Christianity teaches us to live amongst each other and treat others with respect. They will look at the 10 commandments and create their own moral codes and rules.
French	Greetings	The children will explore the basic foundations of the French language including numbers, colours, greetings and an increasing variety of vocabulary; recapping and building on their knowledge from Year 3.
Music	Tabla Drums	Music will be taught by the fantastic 'Darbar Arts'! The children will be introduced to a range of new and exciting instruments - with a focus this half term on using Tabla Drums to explore rhythm.




Outline of our Learning Journey

Week 1 and 2: Life before the Romans	
	In the first weeks of our new unit, we will be learning about the Celts and how they lived their life. We will look the types of houses they lived in and the jobs they did so we can understand later in the unit how life changed when the Romans took over.
Week 3 and 4: Where the Romans came from and why they were so successful	
	The children will be learning about where the Romans came from and why they came. We will be moving our learning on by looking at why the Romans were so successful. Our focus point for these two weeks will be the Roman army, how they were successful and some Roman inventions we still use today!
Week 5 and 6: Who is Boudicca and why did she rebel?	
	In weeks 5 and 6 we are looking at who Boudicca is and why Boudicca started a rebellion. We will be finding what the Romans did to Boudicca to make her rebel and what happened to her. We will be exploring Boudicca from the viewpoint of a Roman and a Celt to understand how historical sources can disagree.
Week 7: Life under Roman rule and the legacy they have left behind	
	To end the learning journey, we will be using what we know about how the Celts lived and comparing it to how life changed under Roman rule. We will then look at the fantastic legacy that the Romans left behind and how it impacts our lives today.

Things you may like to do at home:

- Write up some number calculations using roman numerals for your friends to solve
- Write a diary entry as if you were a Roman soldier. What would your day be like?
- Research Roman life and create a quiz for your friends.
- Write up how many different ways you can represent place value.
- Practise your times tables and try and beat your own score!

Useful links:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths Frame check</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">www.mathsframe.co.uk</p> <p>Under the multiplication section there are lots of fun games to use to practise your times tables. The 'maths frame check' is a resource that is similar to year 4 multiplication assessment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hit The Button</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</p> <p>Carry on practising your times tables when possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Remember to write down your best score!</p>
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We are looking forward to a great first term of fun filled learning and wish to thank you all for your continued support.

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And the Year 4 Support Team