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Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 4 this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is 'I am warrior'. Pupils will explore warring Britain and find out what the Romans did for us, before joining a Roman soldier in battle. This topic will cover the geography (comparing Britain with Italy) and History (Roman Britain).

Memorable Experience: A visit from a Roman soldier, with whom pupils can re-enact a battle with.

English: This term pupils will be learning about Roman myths, before adapting and writing their own. We will also be writing our first persuasive text of the year, in which the pupils need to persuade their tribe to stand up to the Roman invaders. We will then be writing a set of instructions on how to make a Roman shield.

Maths: In Maths this term we will be learning about; negative numbers, rounding to the nearest ten or hundred, ordering numbers beyond 1000 and subtraction chains. Following subtraction chains we will progress to the formal written method of columnar subtraction. We will re-visit multiplication using the formal written method and measuring distance and the length of objects.

Science: This term, pupils will be taught to: describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. They will also be identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. Finally, they will be constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey

History: This term we are looking at Roman Britain and studying key historical figures such as Boudicca and Julius Caesar, along with the Roman army itself.

Music: This term we will be writing our own rap to raise awareness about bullying.

Computing, Art & Design: For art this term pupils will be designing a Roman weapon on the computer using publisher and paint, before using a range of materials to create the weapon.

P.E: This term we will be learning how to play netball. We will be covering how to defend attack, pivot and shoot, whilst working together in a team.

RE: This term we will be looking at how Jewish people celebrate *Passover* and how this strengthens their relationship with God.

Kind regards,
Y4 Teachers