

YEAR 4



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SUMMER TERM 2 ROMAN EMPIRE

English

Year 4 will explore *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman, developing their reading skills by analysing characters, settings, themes and key events. They will learn to make predictions, use evidence from the text and explore how authors create suspense.

In English lessons, pupils will develop their descriptive writing skills by using rich vocabulary and expanded noun phrases. By the end of the unit, they will apply these skills to write their own final chapter, creating an imaginative ending to Lila's journey.

MATHS

In Maths, children will learn how to read and use coordinates to locate and describe positions on grids. They will develop their understanding of movement, direction and translation, as well as interpreting and creating bar graphs to represent and compare data. Pupils will learn how to collect, present and analyse information, using graphs to answer questions and draw conclusions.

Science

Year 4 students will explore electricity by learning how circuits work, how electrical energy flows, and the role of components such as batteries, switches and bulbs. They will investigate conductors and insulators, discovering how different materials are used in everyday electrical items and developing their scientific enquiry skills.

Humanities

We are excited to continue our learning about the Roman Empire this term. Children will explore how and why the Romans expanded their empire, discovering the reasons behind their successful conquests and the impact they had on the lands they conquered.

PSHE

This term, pupils are learning about 'Changes' and how our bodies go through changes inside and on the outside.
We will be thinking about how we feel about this and how we accept changes.

Religious Education

Children will enjoy learning about different religions and exploring the shared values found around the world. They will discover the 'Golden Rule' and how different faiths encourage kindness, respect and treating others as we would like to be treated.

MUSIC

Provided by the Music Service
This term Year 3 will learn to play the recorder.

DT

In DT, children will learn about switches and how they work within electrical systems. They will explore how switches control circuits, investigate different types of switches, and apply their knowledge to design and create their own electrical products.