



Sky, Royal and Ocean

A message from the team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a relaxing winter break. This half-term is stuffed, as ever, with learning. Excitingly, we are heading back in time to explore ancient civilisations, starting with Ancient Rome.

Here in Year 4 we are still encouraging the joy of reading, so please ensure children are reading at home and signing the reading records. If you have any questions or queries, then please feel free to talk to one of us either in the morning or after school.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Robertson, Mrs Boyle and Miss Jarvis



Our topic this term – Ancient Romans

In **English**, we will be reading *Escape From Pompeii* by Christina Balit, about two children's escape from the huge volcanic eruption at Pompeii. We will look at how the author describes the setting of an Ancient Roman city before going on to look at volcanoes in more detail. We will discuss explanation texts and their features before going on to write our own explanation of how volcanoes erupt. Finally, we will finish the half-term looking at Roman myths such as Romulus and Remus.

In **Maths**, we will be revisiting place value and in particular our understanding of negative numbers. We will also look at Roman numerals up to 100 before starting some work on geometry. We will classify different 2D and 3D shapes as well as look at their properties such as angles, symmetry and position. We will finish the half-term, revisiting addition and subtraction to solve lots of money, measure and statistical problems.

In **Science**, we will be looking at how sounds are made, and experimenting with different pitches and volumes. We will then create our own Roman musical instruments using all of our sound knowledge.

In **History**, we will be learning all about Ancient Rome, including their influence on us in Britain. We will look at timelines of events, research about life in Ancient Rome as well as train like a Roman army!

In **Computing**, we will be designing apps on Ancient Roman life. We will combine images and text to create an interactive app to show off at home!

In **Art**, we will be planning, designing and creating our own Ancient Roman mosaic pots, with the help of parents from the Community House.

In **PSHE**, we will hold PATHS sessions to support our learning about our feelings and behaviours, as well as taking part in weekly philosophical discussions.

In **French**, we will be learning about the weather and clothing.

In **Music**, we will continue to develop our recorder skills, looking at changes in pitch and volume.

In **PE**, we will be developing our dancing skills, creating short sequences of dance to music.

Teacher Timetable

Mr Robertson will be out of class on Tuesday mornings. On the days he is not in class he will be covered by our sports coach and Ms. Duggan.

Miss Jarvis will be out of class Tuesday mornings. On the mornings she is not in class she will be covered by our sports coach and Ms. Duggan.

Mrs Boyle will be out of class on Monday afternoons. On the afternoons she is not in class she will be covered by our sports coach and Ms. Duggan.

Key dates for this half term



2nd February – Number Day
9th February – Last day of half term
Monday 19th February – First day of
Spring 2

P.E. times



Royal – Monday
Sky – Tuesday
Ocean – Tuesday

Please remember to bring your PE kit:
a team colour t-shirt,
shorts or tracksuit bottoms,
trainers or plimsolls.

Home Learning and ways to help your child at home



We will be giving home learning on Fridays. Please encourage your child to complete it independently and return it on the following Wednesday.

- Every child **MUST** be reading at home EVERY night and the reading record must be signed by parent or carer.
- Every child **MUST** bring a book bag as it is part of their uniform and they are required to take books to read at home every night. *These books must be returned to the school once they have been read.*
- Please help your child to practise learning number bonds to 20 and times tables up to 12 x 12.
- Please talk to your child about their learning. At times we will be sending a project home for your child to complete. It would be great if you could work alongside your child to complete these projects.

Getting in touch

Should you have any queries regarding your child, members of staff from our class are usually available in the playground at the end of each school day. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Assistant Heads or our Deputy Head teacher.

