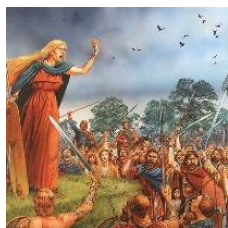




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Roman Britain



Welcome to the summer 1 half term

Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic Easter break. This is an action packed, Roman themed half term. We know the children are extremely excited about the residential visit to **York in May** and so are we. We cannot wait to visit Murton Park and participate in the Roman soldier themed day, which we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy. We have a trip to Yorkshire Museum planned for the second day and activities planned for our stay at the YHA. We look forward to giving you all the information at our information evening. You will be informed of the date of this soon.

Our Learning Theme

This half term our exciting Roman Britain topic explores the struggle for power between Boudicca and the Romans and the lasting impact the Romans have had on Britain. Our activities in York will provide the children with an insight into the culture, beliefs and lifestyle of a Roman soldier.

Important Dates:

Times Tables Parent Session on Zoom

Wednesday 17th April

York Residential meeting on Zoom

Wednesday 17th April

Saltaire Art Gallery trip

TBC

York Residential

Tuesday 7th May - Wednesday 8th May

Filey Beach visit

Friday 17th May

Homework

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home weekly in children's Learn by Heart books. We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. In addition, please could you encourage your child to practise their times tables either verbally or by using TTRockstars online. Any practise ahead of the MCT next half term, will be beneficial and greatly appreciated. The children will be reading in class every day, however, we would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read at home too.

Learning Log

The final Learning Log activity for this year will be sent home on **Friday 15th April** for your child to complete over this term. This learning log should be returned to school by **Monday 15th July**. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Roman theme.

PE Days

Wednesday – Outdoor Football

Thursday – Indoor Gymnastics

Please can children continue to come to school in PE kit in school colours on these days.

Curriculum

English

In English, we will start by looking at *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which we will use to create our own independent narrative. We will also be exploring the life of Boudicca and her Battlecry.

Maths

During our maths lessons this half term, we will begin by comparing decimals with two decimal places, rounding decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number and recognising and writing decimal equivalents for common fractions and decimal numbers. We will also estimate, compare and calculate money in pounds and pence. We will then apply what we have learnt during the half term to solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.

Science

In our science unit we will be revisiting and exploring deeper all living things. The children will be learning about how changes in habitat can impact plant survival and presenting findings on human impact on plants.

Art & DT

This half term we will design our own Roman forts. We will learn about nets and the strength of materials. We will also be looking at David Hockney's artwork

Computing

In computing, we will delve into computer science. We will create, refine and debug a series of commands

History & Geography

During this half term, we will investigate what it was that drew the Romans to Britain with a focus on types of settlement, land use, trade links and the distribution of natural resources. We will discover what life was like during their occupation and find out about the lasting impact that they had on Britain. We will also find out



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and creating our own using different editing programmes.	(algorithm) for virtual programmable devices.	why the Romans left Britain and who followed in their footsteps.
Other:		Year Four Team
In music the children will be listening and appraising - Blackbird. This will take place on Friday afternoons and alternate with French. In RE we will be asking 'How do the 5 pillars guide Muslims in life?'. Being our best, making safe choices and celebrating diversity will be our themes for PSHE. This will be taught through our daily crew sessions.		Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault and Miss Taylor Fiennes Class - Miss Page, Miss Walton, Miss Hodgson and Mrs Wilson