

Planning and Assessment Time

Each week Mrs Broadbent and Miss Ornsby will work in school together for one afternoon out of the classroom. This is their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (P.P.A.). During this time, the children will be taught French by Miss Bunce. They will also be working with Mrs Cox in the Environmental Area developing their outdoor and adventurous skills, such as den building and cooking on the fire pit.

Useful Websites

History: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans

Maths and English: www.topmarks.co.uk/

Science: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/KS2/science/physical_processes/sound
Google - 'Hit the button' to find a useful website for practicing times tables

School website: www.dunstonhillcps.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Monday 2nd October - Parent Workshop 'What is bullying?'
- Friday 6th October & Friday 3rd November - Parent Workshop 'E-Safety'
- Tuesday 10th October - Pupil Photographs
- Wednesday 11th - Thursday 12th October - Edinburgh Visit
- Thursday 19th October - Nasal Vaccinations
- Thursday 19th October - Autumn Disco
- **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term**
- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November - Parent Consultations
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need
- Wednesday 29th November - Pantomime visit to Theatre Royal
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 20th December - Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 21st December - Grand prize raffle draw
- **Friday 22nd December - End of term**

Curriculum Overview



Year 4

Autumn Term



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 4 Team.



English Overview



Our English lessons will continue to follow our Literacy and Language programme. Our children will be delving into the dilemma story, 'Lost or Stolen?', where they will explore themes such as relationships, suspicion and trust. This will provide inspiration for writing their own chapter for a story with a dilemma. During our non fiction unit, we will be creating a persuasive piece of writing linked to a newly released gadget. The children will be using rhetorical questions, exaggeration and imperative language. After half term, the children will then be exploring the text, 'The Bogeymen and the Trolls Next Door' - a comedy to be enjoyed by all!



Maths Overview



In our Maths lessons this term we will focus on ordering, comparing and understanding three, four and five digit numbers as well as broadening our knowledge of decimal notation. We will also be developing standard written calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and learning relevant terminology that links to these operations. The children will be applying these skills by completing a range of greater depth tasks such as open ended investigations. Using our creativity we will design symmetrical Roman shields and name the angles inside them. With regard to mental maths, the children will be continuing to develop the quick recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .



Topic Overview



Our topic theme this term is:

“Ruthless Romans”

Within our topic, the children will be learning about where and when the Roman empire originated, as well as where they invaded and why. We will also be comparing this time in history with other significant events and civilisations. Our artwork will be to design and create a Roman mosaic and use watercolours to produce a portrait of Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni Tribe. In Science, we will be learning about sound, including how it travels and which material makes the best insulator. The Autumn term also brings the opportunity to learn about the Hindu beliefs and practices, including the festival of Diwali.

Supporting Your Child at Home



The support you give your child at home is **invaluable** and really appreciated by the staff. Please encourage your child to complete the following homework each week:

- Reading - at least 15 minutes every day (This should be completed with an adult at least three times a week and the 'Reading Diary signed by parents / carers.)
- Spelling and Times Tables - these will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please ensure you practise regularly with your children at home, you may even want to test them.
- Creative Homework - this will be given out half termly for your children to choose which tasks they will complete to gain their 15 points. We look forward to seeing how imaginative and creative you can be!

Special Requests



We are continuing to encourage independence and responsibility this year, so please support us at home:

- Reading books and diaries should be taken home daily and returned to school the following day.
- Full PE kits should be brought to school every Monday and left in school all week.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Children should have their own water bottle in the classroom.

School Links



We are extremely excited to be visiting Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum in Hexham as part of our Ruthless Romans topic. We would be grateful for parents helpers to accompany us on this visit. Please speak to a member of the Year Four team if you are interested. We are also lucky to be welcoming a Roman expert to our school later in the term.