

# Year 4 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



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<p><b>Reading</b>  <b>Guided reading book:</b> 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'    <b>Class book:</b> 'Roman Invasion' by Jim Eldridge.                  Please ensure you read at least three times a week with your child as this will enhance and encourage a love of reading.</p>	<p><b>Writing</b>                  We will be working on a range of writing genres this half term including setting descriptions, character descriptions, story writing, informative writing, poetry and letter writing.                  We will link our writing to our current topic 'The Romans' as a way to enhance the children's learning and allow them to apply their new knowledge.                  We will be learning and applying spellings each day in class and they will be tested on Friday each week. Please ensure your child practises their spellings each week at home.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b>                  Areas of maths covered this half term:                  - Number and place value                  - Addition and subtraction  <b>Times tables</b>                  Year 4 need to be fluent with times tables up to 12 x 12. They will be set homework on 'TimesTables Rockstars' <b>every weekend</b> to complete ten tests.</p>	<p><b>PE</b>                  Year 4 will be working on their balance, agility and coordination this half term by working on multi-skills.</p>
<p><b>Science</b>                  Our first science topic is 'States of Matter'. They will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What the three states of matter are and their properties.</li> <li>- How water evaporates.</li> <li>- The properties of gases.</li> <li>- How materials change state.</li> <li>- All about the water cycle.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>History</b>                  During this half term, we will be learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain. The children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Place the Romans on a timeline</li> <li>- Look at how the Roman empire began</li> <li>- Learn about the Roman army and how it helped the Roman Empire expand</li> <li>- Learn how Britain became part of the Roman Empire</li> <li>- Learn about Boudicca, who was she? How and why did she rebel?</li> <li>- Recognise how the Romans impacted Britain, what did they build? What did people do for leisure in Roman Britain? What important things did they introduce to Britain?</li> </ul>	<p><b>ICT/Computing</b>                  Our topic is coding this half term. During this topic, the children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the design, test, debug process</li> <li>- Understand and use if/else statements</li> <li>- Create a program that repeats actions</li> <li>- Make a timer</li> <li>- Make a control simulation</li> <li>- Understand what decomposition and abstraction are in computer science.</li> </ul> <p>We will mostly use Purple Mash for this topic so children will be able to consolidate their learning by logging in at home if they have access to the internet. Once logged in, they need to go to 'Computing', then '2code'.</p>	<p><b>Art/D&amp;T</b>                  We will be completing D&amp;T work based on our topic, 'The Romans'. We will be developing a design for a Roman shield. The children will have the opportunity to design and sketch their shield, choose appropriate materials according to their functions evaluate their product and discuss their design with their classmates.                    We will also be looking at how key events (like the Roman invasion and settlement) helped shape the world we now live in.</p>
<p><b>Music</b>                  Children will be carrying on developing their skills as musicians by working on drumming this half term. They will also be focussing on singing to develop their accuracy of pitch, breathing and diction when singing and looking at harmonies and styles of songs. They will be working on seasonal music.  </p>	<p><b>Homework</b>                  Every weekend, Year 4 will be set homework on TimesTables Rockstars. They will need to complete ten tests over the weekend. This is a vital piece of homework as it helps the children become fluent with their times tables.                  Children will also be given homework to support lessons sometimes. For example, to plan a piece of writing.</p>	<p><b>If you would like to follow up on our learning at home, you could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enjoy reading together as much as possible.</li> <li>- Plan a local visit which links to your child's topic if possible (there is a Roman museum in Maryport).</li> <li>- Research your child's topic together.</li> <li>- Visit the local library to research your child's topic and/or encourage a love for reading.</li> <li>- Set challenges on TimesTables Rockstars. There is an option for a parent account. Can you beat your child?</li> </ul>	