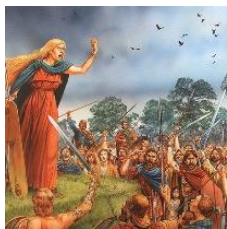




Year 4 Newsletter: Summer 1 – 2021

We Are Warriors – Boudicca & The Romans



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 were extremely excited about the residential visit to **York in May**, but we are unfortunately unable to continue with the trip in its residential form. However, we are hopeful that we will be able to visit Murton Park and participate in the Roman soldier themed day which we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy. If you have any questions regarding the trip please contact a member of the Year 4 Learning Team.

Our Learning Theme

This half term our exciting "We Are Warriors" theme explores the struggle for power between Boudicca and the Romans and the lasting impact the Romans have had on Britain. Our trip to Brigantium will provide the children with an insight into the culture, beliefs and life style of a Roman soldier.

Important Dates:

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th April

Brigantium – Murton Park York

Tuesday 4th May – Fiennes Class

Wednesday 5th May – Earhart Class

Class photographs

20th May

Homework

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (the first one for this half term will be sent home on **Friday 16th April**). 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 TT Rockstars online. 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

A Learning Log activity will be sent home on **Friday 16th April** for your child to complete over this half term. This half term's learning log should be returned to school by **Monday 17th May**. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our We Are Warriors – Roman theme.

PE Days

Thursday – Indoor dance

Friday – Outdoor rounders

Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts). Thank you

Curriculum

English

In English we will be reading a number of texts linked to Boudicca and the Romans. We will write a speech to persuade the tribes of Britain to support Boudicca in her quest to defeat the Romans. We will also analyse non-fiction texts and their features to write our guide to becoming a successful Roman soldier.

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

Our science unit will be exploring sound. We will identify how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch and volume of a sound and features of the object that produced it and learn to recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

Art & DT

This half term we are very lucky to be working with Sharon Snaylam, our resident artist, on a Roman armour project. We can't wait to share our work with you.

Computing

In computing, we are planning to explore how sound can be created and combined electronically using online applications and apps.

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 had on Britain. We will also find out why the Romans left Britain and who followed in their footsteps.

Other:

The children will continue with ukulele lessons on alternate Friday mornings. In RE we will be asking 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?'. Feelings, emotions and personal safety will be our themes for PHSE this half term.

Year Four Team

Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault, Mrs Morrison & Miss Heaps
Fiennes Class- Miss Jacklin, Mrs Mowbray, & Mr Hutchinson
Mrs Thakker will be working across both classes teaching French.
Sharon Snaylam will work with both classes teaching art.

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