



Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Kenwyn Class Y4 2020



Romans / British citizenship

Ancient Rome is at the heart of this topic! The children will explore the origins of the Roman Empire and discover what life was like for Roman citizens. Their imaginations will be fuelled through studying Roman myths and the legends of the *Gods and Goddesses*. In literacy, significant events of the past will be used to stimulate to the children's writing and the culture of ancient Rome will be used to inspire the children's art work. Through studying ancient Rome, children will understand how the Roman invasion shaped and influenced British culture. They will explore what it means to be a British citizen today and use their historical knowledge to draw comparisons. In science, the children will look at digestion and factors affecting human health.

For maths we follow the 2014 National Curriculum - details can be found on our website.

In RE we follow the Cornwall Agreed Syllabus

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you've had a lovely festive break and that you and your children are feeling ready to take on the challenges of the spring term of Year 4. We have had a really positive start to the term, settling back into Kenwyn Class and exploring our existing knowledge of ancient Rome and British citizenship. This term, we are lucky enough to have Mrs Ruberry supporting us with our learning every morning along with Mrs George four mornings and two afternoons per week. Mrs Alexander will continue to teach all day on Wednesdays.

PE lessons will be on various days throughout the week and we aim to engage in physical activity daily, so it is essential that your child has their full PE kit (trainers, PE shirt and shorts) in school **every day**. Due to the changeable nature of the Cornish weather, please ensure your child has a jumper and coat in school every day. The spring term is often a wet one and providing wellington boots will enable your child to access the field.

You can see what your child is doing in class by following our class page on the school website or using Class Dojo. You can use this App to message me with questions or information I might need to know, although any urgent or important messages should still go via the school office. It is important that all absences are reported to the office. Occasionally I will send reminders home using Class Dojo too. Photos and information from various lessons will be posted on here and it is a great way of starting a conversation with your child at the end of the day about what they have been doing! Please also remember to check the schools twitter feed to see all the exciting things going on in school - this can be accessed and viewed through the school website.

Please feel free to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns or book an appointment through Mrs Sach.

Kind Regards

Louise Musgrove (Kenwyn Class Teacher)

Dear Parents/carers,



Homework: In Kenwyn Class, children will receive weekly homework most weeks. This will usually be literacy, numeracy or science based. This homework will be given out on a Monday and due back on the Friday. Children will also receive their weekly spellings on Mondays, which will then be tested on Fridays. These will be sent home in their blue spelling books and children are expected to practise these spellings at least three times per week (in their books). This will be checked on a Monday so children will need their spelling books in school on Mondays.

*One of the best ways to support your child to thrive in their education is to encourage them to read regularly. Children are expected to read every evening, either independently or with an adult. All reading needs to be recorded in their reading record. Also, please ensure children are practising their times tables regularly as this is **crucial** for Year 4 maths lessons.*

If you would like to explore our topic of Romans and British Citizenship at home, the enrichment activity grid (overleaf) provides ideas to support your child's learning. These tasks are optional. However, they are a great opportunity to enrich your child's learning and if they should choose to complete any, we'd love to celebrate them in class.

Kind regards,

Miss Musgrove

Y4 Kenwyn - Enrichment Activities Grid - Spring Term 2020

<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>
Find out about something that the Romans brought to Britain, or invented, that we still use today.	Find out what caused the fall of the Roman Empire	Find out about what happened to Pompeii. Are there any other places that experienced similar disasters?	Draw a timeline of the Roman empire.	Draw a Roman gladiator. Label the clothing and weapons.	Research Roman battle tactics. Make sure you use reliable sources. Decide how best to present your findings.
<u>History / literacy</u>	<u>Art / literacy</u>		<u>BIG PROJECT</u>		<u>Geography</u>
Find out about Roman Gods and Goddesses. Choose one or more to write a character description of. This could be in the form of prose or a fact file.	Write and illustrate a comic strip about an aspect of Roman life. You could write about a citizen, a gladiator, an emperor or someone else.		Find out why earthquakes happen and write a factual report explaining it. You can add diagrams and charts to support your explanation. Find out why volcanoes happen and write a factual report explaining it. You can add diagrams and charts to support your explanation. Merge your pieces of work to create a booklet. Is there a link between earthquakes and volcanoes?		Draw and label an accurate diagram of a volcano. <i>Extension: Can you plot volcanoes in Italy onto a map?</i>
<u>Art</u>	<u>Literacy</u>	<u>D&T / History</u>	<u>PSHE / History</u>	<u>PSHE</u>	<u>Geography</u>
Use squared paper and create a Roman mosaic floor pattern or image.	Write a poem inspired by our topic of Romans. Illustrate it and present it ready for display.	Design and make an authentic gladiatorial shield.	Compare being a Roman British citizen with being a modern British citizen.	Research traditional Roman food. Create a menu for a Roman feast. How healthy is it?	Draw and label a map of the Roman empire

In Kenwyn Class we expect you to **read every night** and also work on your **spellings**, in preparation for your test each Friday.

- You also have login details for TT Rockstars which will support you with learning your times tables.
- Remember to log all your reading and spellings practise in your books.
- Please make sure all homework is named. Homework will be shared in class on a Friday afternoon and we will hold an open afternoon this term for parents and carers to come and see the fabulous work (details will follow closer to the time).