

In History we will be finding out about the Romans and answering the question, Which of the Roman Achievements was most significant? We will be using our skills of chronology to place the Roman era on a timeline as well as looking at a variety of sources to explore what these tell us about the Romans.

In Geography, children will continue to work on their map work skills, looking further into Europe. Children will use maps and atlases to locate countries of Europe and find out about their capital cities. We will also be comparing a European country with a country in the UK.

In the first half term our Science topic will be Rocks. Children will look at different types of rocks and explain sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. We will explore how fossils are formed to. Plants will be studied in the second half term. Children will compare the effect of different factors on plant growth and describe the functions of different parts of a flowering plant and how they are used in photosynthesis.

Our PSHE themes are VIPs and Digital Wellbeing. As part of VIPs, children will learn how the importance of respecting the VIPs in their lives. They will also demonstrate ways to resolve conflict. During our Digital Wellbeing topic children will consider what we use the Internet for and the benefits and risks of online activities. Children will learn about screentime and getting a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

In R.E. we will be learning about Christianity in the first half term, finding out about who founded the religion and discussing the main beliefs and some special Christian festivals. For the second half term, we will be looking at 'Food and Fasting', finding out about the importance of fasting in various religions.

Insects will be the theme of our Art lessons, children will be sketching and painting different species. Children will look closely at the shape and colours when completing their art work.

For Design Technology, the children will learn how to sew to make a money holder. Children will research products, investigate different materials and stitches before making and finally evaluating their design.

In Computing, children will be learning how to email and use Logo. We will continue learning about the importance of staying safe online.

In P.E., children will cover a dance unit 'Witches and Wizards'. In our outdoor lessons, children will be taught the skills of tag rugby. Swimming lessons will take place for 3/45 this term. Dates and more information will be sent out separately.

Children need to come to school in their P.E. uniform on their allocated P.E. days. Black pumps need to be kept in school for P.E. days. For indoor P.E. children need to wear shorts, this is to keep them safe if using apparatus, these can be worn under their jogging bottoms.

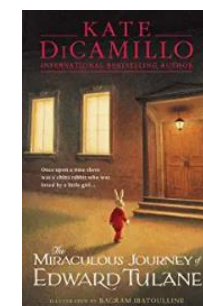
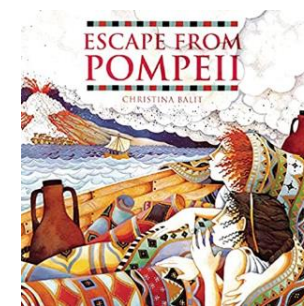
The children will have weekly music lessons with Mr Foster. The children will be learning to play the recorder throughout the year, if children have their own recorders they can bring this in for the lessons, which will all take place on Wednesdays.



As our daily class book, we will be enjoying the texts 'The Iron Man' to start us off this year. We will then move on to 'Escape from Pompeii' and 'The Adventures of Edward Tulane'.

In our Literacy lessons, we will be using a range of short videos, our class texts and visual prompts to form the basis of our writing lessons. We will also be continuing our SPAG lessons, focusing on the essential skills children need to know in Years 3 and 4 to make their writing wonderful.

We will continue to learn spellings based on the National Curriculum spelling rules. We will be using SpellingShed to support children with their spellings, this can accessed at home. Weekly spellings will be set on here each week for the children.



Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult. Please sign your child's diary to help them earn their reading rewards.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Supporting your child with their spellings, lists to learn will be sent home weekly in your child's diary.



In Maths, we will be covering all areas of the curriculum following the White Rose Maths Scheme.

Please continue to help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise their tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12×12 . All children have a TTRockstars log in and password. Maths teachers will set weekly sessions on this for the children to complete at home.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time, laying cards and board games, which use number, time or money etc.

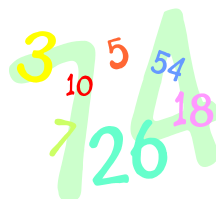
Children will have Maths homework set on MyMaths and TTRockstars each week. The children's passwords for these are in their diaries. When logging on to MyMaths initially, the children will need to use:

Username: amblecote

Password: square246

Then their individual passwords.

As always if you need to contact us or have any questions, please contact us via ClassDojo.



As always, thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We are looking forward to a wonderful spring term with the children in Years 3 and 4.

Miss Skirving, Mr Pitts, Mrs Brannon & Mrs Cartwright



Year 3 & 4 Spring Term 2023

Welcome back!

As we start the Spring term, we hope that this overview provides you with a little more information about the subjects we will be learning about.

