

# The Romans

## Year 4

### Autumn 2018



# SPARKLING STARTER –

What do I know about Roman life?



# FABULOUS FINISH –

In Art we will be sketching and painting the Colosseum.

# English

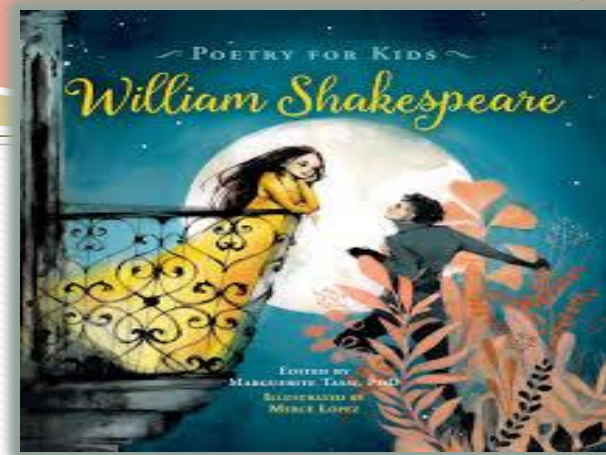
## Class Text:

We will be looking at a variety of non-fiction texts and using them as a basis for our writing and shared reading.

## How can you help?

Read with your child asking them key questions related to the text, for example, how does the character feel?

Look at different text genres with your child and discuss them together.



## We will be writing:

- Discussion texts
- Non-chronological reports

We will also be learning and performing some of William Shakespeare's poetry.

## Assessment:

The children will sit half termly tests in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

# Maths

## Overview:

- Number – Addition and subtraction
- Measurement – Length and Perimeter
- Number – Multiplication and division

## How can you help?

Encourage your child to learn their times tables and division facts. Discuss how, for example  $7 \times 6 = 42$  and  $6 \times 7 = 42$  so  $42 \div 6 = 7$  and  $42 \div 7 = 6$

You can use websites like:

<https://www.educationcity.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/supermovers>

## How do we plan?

We use the White Rose scheme of work alongside other materials. We also use a variety of practical equipment in our lessons.



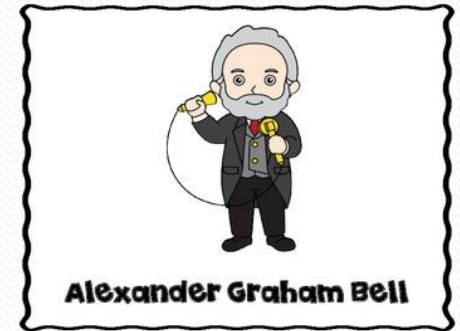
## Assessment:

The children will sit a half termly test in both arithmetic and reasoning. These tests will be used to inform future planning and teaching.

# Science

## Overview:

In Science we will be learning about sound. We will be investigating different instruments from around the world; how sound travels through solids/liquids/gases to the ear and the link between the pitch and speed of vibrations.



## We will use our scientific enquiry skills to:

- Plan and conduct a number of investigations
- Present our investigations in tables.

## How can you help?

<https://www.bbc.com/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-alexander-graham-bell/zf7gd6f>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zgffr82>

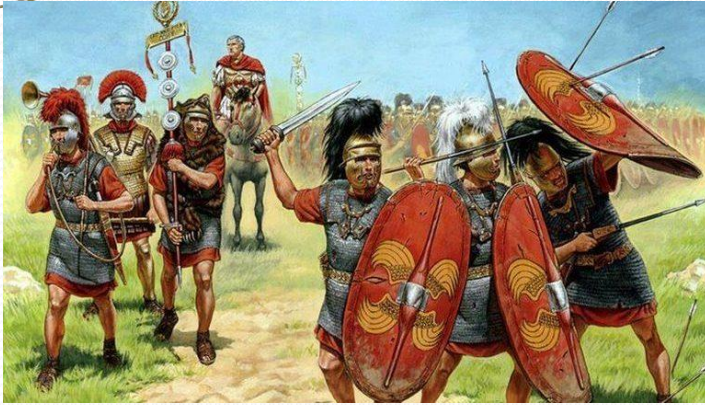
# Computing



In Computing, we will be creating digital music using Garage band and Isle of Tunes.



# Art

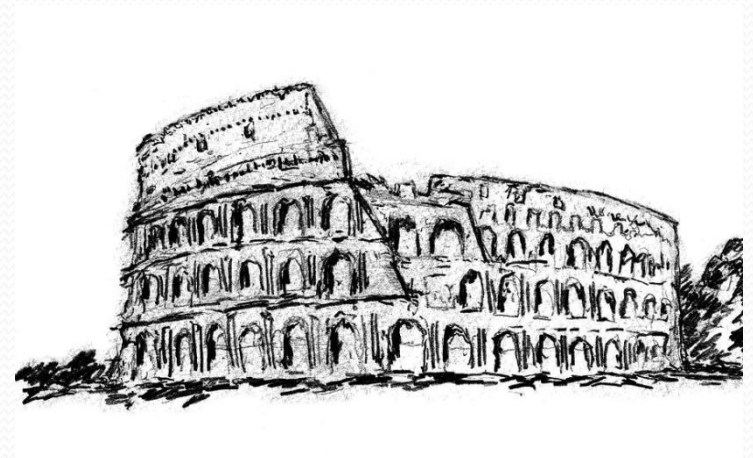


As part of our history topic we will be visiting Colchester Castle. In our history lessons we will be researching life in Roman times using primary and secondary sources and identifying why the Romans invaded Britain.

We will use all information collected to build up a picture of the past.

# History

In Art we will be looking at sketching, shading and painting effectively. We will use our sketchbooks to collect research and record our ideas. We will use our ideas and research to help us sketch our own picture of the Colosseum, which we will then paint.



# Music

In music, we will be continuing to play the recorder. We will be learning a Christmas carol and performing it around our Christmas Tree.

# French

We will be using the Sålut programme to describe people, for example we will learn how to describe people's eye and hair colours.

# PE

In PE we will be developing our skills in invasion games. We will be focusing on rugby, it's rules and techniques.



# RE

In RE we will be focusing on the Hindu religion. We will be looking at the festival of Diwali.



# PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will be focused around the theme of friendships. We will also be taking part in workshops for Anti-Bullying Week.

# General Information

## Diary Dates

- October – Black History Month.
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – FOMSA Halloween Disco.
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – 16<sup>th</sup> – Anti-Bullying Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Colchester Castle Trip
- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December- Around the world in 48 hours

## PE Days

Our PE days in Year 4 will be: Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

## Homework

In Year 4, homework will be given out weekly. This will be on a Wednesday. It will be due in the following Wednesday.

Homework will consist of: spellings, times table practice and either a maths or a comprehension activity.

Homework club will run every Monday lunchtime.

Please ask your child to seek help if they are having difficulty with this homework.