



## Year 4 Half Termly Overview–Autumn 1 2021



Our history focus this half term is the Roman Empire. We will be learning all about the Romans: who they were, where and when they came in relation to other historical periods and how they successfully invaded Britain. We will explore key historical figures such as Julius Caesar and Boudica and the impact they had on their people at that time.

In English, we will be reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii' written by Christina Balit. We will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters after witnessing the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. We will also be writing a recount of our trip to the Grosvenor museum in Chester.

In Art, we will be looking at the artist Georges Seurat's drawings and will have a go at creating our own using the same, pointillism technique. In Design and Technology, we will explore Roman mosaics and create our own mosaic tile or artefact.

In PHSE, we will be learning about teamwork, accepting ourselves and each other for our differences and how to be a good learner. In RE, we will be exploring Buddhism and Buddhist's views on happiness: 'Is it possible for everyone to be happy?'

In maths, we will be learning about number and place value. Times tables are particularly important this year as Year 4 pupils will be sitting an online times tables test in the summer of 2022. We will practice times tables daily in preparation for this. Any additional practice recalling times tables facts at home or use of Times Tables Rockstars would be greatly appreciated.

As Scientists we will be learning about sound. We will identify how sounds are made (vibrations) and explore how the vibrations travel through a medium to the ear. We will investigate the volume and pitch and the impact this has on a sound.

Our Computing unit will teach us to explore how a network can share messages to other networks. We will learn about the World Wide Web, who owns content and what they can access, add and create. They will also be evaluating online content and deciding how honest, accurate or reliable it is.

To enhance our learning, we will be visiting the Grosvenor museum in Chester on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, where we will learn about Roman gladiators and explore real Roman artefacts