

## Science

Sound is the basis of our science work this term with a wide range of fun and practical lessons organised to help the children become 'mini scientists'. There will be opportunities to explore how different musical instruments make sounds, how we hear different sounds, using computing equipment to monitor sound levels around school and how the pitch and volume of sound is changed. There will be a number of investigations towards the end of the topic to allow the children to apply their learning. We will look at how distance affects the volume of a sound and therefore its effectiveness and how we can block a sound for safety.

## History & Geography

Were the Romans really that rotten? This term our history and geography will investigate the influence the Romans had on Britain today. Our lessons cover: who the Romans were and where they came from; a timeline of the main Roman events; finding out who Boudicca was and what the Romans did for us in Britain. We are hoping to have a Roman week next half term, this will involve the children dressing up and participating in lots of engaging and fun activities. We will let you know by October half term if this will be possible due to the

## P.E



**4HM/LK: Monday and Friday - Hockey and Athletics**

**4SR: Thursday and Friday - Hockey and Athletics**

**Please make sure children wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. Please see the school website for the correct list of kit.**

## R.E.

RE is an important part of the children's education, where they learn to appreciate and respect the beliefs of others in our ever-changing world. Our learning on Buddhism this term allows the chance to learn more about what makes us happy and link this to the story of Buddha and the beginnings of Buddhism.

## Art and DT

Linking to our history work, our art and DT work will focus on the development of the children's pottery and woodwork skills. This will include making a Roman chariot. We will also study how the Romans constructed Mosaics. The children will design and create their own!

## Computing



**Focus:** e-Safety, internet research and search engine skills, word and Powerpoint.

## Music

Our music this term is linked to our science topic of sound, where the children will investigate untuned instruments and the sounds they can

## Homework



Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. It is important that children are continuing to read at home as well as learning their times tables. This will really help their learning in the classroom and prepare them for our daily speed tables challenge!

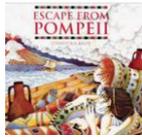
# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

This newsletter gives an overview of the content and skills we will cover during the first half of the Autumn term. Please remember to visit our Year 4 class page at <http://gloryfarmschool.co.uk/> to find out what we have been learning in school.



Thank you very much for your continued support.

Our new topic for the term will be...  
**Who were the Romans?**



## English

This term, our English work will link closely to our history on the Romans with a special focus on the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. This fantastic book explores a fictional story of a character called Tranio and is based on the true event of 79AD when Mount Vesuvius erupted. The children will improve their skills of inference, prediction and interpretation of the book just by studying the pictures at first. Then, we will move on to reading the story in full before focusing in on the main characters, and life in Pompeii before and after the volcano erupted. Our written work will be based on developing diary writing skills, play reading and writing, a newspaper front page and setting descriptions.



## Reading

Each week, children will have whole class guided reading sessions, where they will develop a range of reading skills with a specific focus on 'clarification' to ensure their understanding of the text is secure. In these sessions, we will also develop comprehension and prediction skills. Please can you try to read with your child at least three times a week to help develop their fluency and

## Mathematics

Our maths work will follow the White Rose mathematics scheme of work, covering a range of different topics:

- Roman Numerals
- Place Value of numbers up to 4 digits
- Addition and Subtraction up to 4 digits
- Multiplication using 3 digit numbers
- Division using 3 digit numbers
- Measurement: Length and Perimeter



Any time telling practice, using both the 24-hour and 12-hour clock, that can be done at home would be greatly appreciated as it is a skill that many children find really challenging.

At the end of Year 4, there is statutory multiplication test so children will need to know times tables up to 12x12.

## Life Education

This year we will be following the Scarf life education scheme. The theme this term is "Me and my relationships" which covers positive, healthy relationships, being yourself and communication skills.