



Year 4 - Autumn Term 2

Welcome back! Thank you to all of the children and also parents for all of your hard work and support during Autumn 1. We have had an amazing start to year 4 and the children have produced some amazing work. Everyone has settled well into the Year 4 routines. Once again, we have a very exciting half-term planned, including a gladiator workshop, a mathematical problem-solving week and lots of fun activities in the run up to Christmas. Please remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSSycamore](https://twitter.com/GPSSycamore) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 4!

Important Dates:

Friday 4th November - KS2 Roman Workshop

W/B Monday 7th November - Mathematical Problem Solving and Investigation Week

Wednesday 9th November – Parents' Evening

Thursday 10th November – Yoga workshop

Friday 11th November – INSET Day

Monday 14th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 25th November - Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Shop

Wednesday 30th November - School Vision Art Unveiling: 4pm – 5pm

Friday 2nd December –Christmas Shop

Tuesday 6th December – KS2 Christmas Singing Concert@ All Saints Church

Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Party Day

French

In French, we will be continuing to learn how to introduce ourselves by explaining how old we are and where we live.

English

This half-term, we will begin by exploring fairy tales with a twist. We will explore the different features of fairy tales and then will plan their own version of a fractured fairy tale called 'Little Red'. Within our writing, we will develop our understanding of grammar with the focus on adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions and fronted adverbials, ensuring we apply this to our own stories.

We will then look at non-fiction texts through the focus on information booklets. We will be using our historical knowledge from our Romans topic to create an information booklet incorporating lots of historical facts to support our retention on knowledge.

Reading

Throughout the half term, we will be reading a variety of texts in our guided reading sessions including fiction and non-fiction. We will develop our retrieval and inference skill focusing on how to re-read to extract key information.

In class, we will begin a new class novel which we will be reading daily. The children have chosen 'The Train to Impossible Places' by P.G Bell.

We will also get new books in our 'Mystery Book Box' from Mrs Clayton which the children will be able to read when reading for pleasure.

Maths

In maths, we are continuing to learn methods for multiplication and division. We will look at the grid method for multiplication, multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and then will move on to the long multiplication method. For division we will be learning how to share a number of objects and then will move on to the chunking method. Then, we will focus on fractions where the children will learn how to find equivalent fractions and will add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Please note, alongside our maths lessons we will have a big focus on times tables.

Science

In science, we are going to start a new unit called 'Animals including Humans'. Within this unit, the children will learn about the different parts of the digestive system and will do a fun activity called 'chewing to pooing.' We will also be looking at teeth and the different types we have and how to look after them correctly.

RE

We will be exploring Christianity and will be specifically looking at God. In our RE lessons, we will be looking the Bible and how and why Christians use it. The children will begin by looking at figures of authority and how these might influence a person's life. We will then look at different readings from the Bible and discuss what they teach Christians.

Art

This half term we will be focusing on sculpture. We will be using clay to create models of a Roman colosseum and use techniques to ensure that it is sturdy enough. We will learn how to use tools to carve and add shapes, texture and pattern to our clay models. We will then paint our colosseums to make them look realistic.

Topic

Our new topic for this half term is History based and is called 'How did the Romans leave their legacy?' We will begin the topic by thinking and discussing what the children want to find out about the Romans. We will then look at chronology and where on a timeline do the Romans come and how long they were around for. We will also be looking at the Roman army and what they wore. Finally, we will be looking at how the Romans left their legacy including buildings, roads and roman numerals.

PSHE

We will be continuing our PSHE topic entitled 'Me and My Relationships'. We will be looking at our feelings and learning how to deal with them in different situations. We will also be learning about opinions and what makes a healthy and positive relationship. Alongside our PSHE sessions, we will be continuing to complete 'Our Happy Mind' lessons every week.

Music

This half term, we will begin to learn the recorder ready for our Christmas celebrations. We will compose a song using simple notes on the recorder. Whilst we are learning how to play, we will discuss the terms rhythm and pulse and increase our understanding of them.

Computing

In computing, we will focus on using simple search technologies to research and we will also be recognising that some sources are more reliable than others.

PE

This half term, we will be going swimming to All Seasons Leisure Centre. Please ensure children have their swimming kits on **THURSDAYS**. We will also be taking part in PE lessons on a **MONDAY**.