

# WARWICK ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



## YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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House **DISCOVERY**



House **ENDEAVOUR**



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### ENGLISH

This half term we will learn about newspaper reports. Children will travel back in time to the days of the Roman Empire. They will join Tranio, the son of an actor, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, in witnessing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD79 and the destruction of their beloved city, Pompeii. Children will learn about the features of a newspaper report and begin to write their own newspaper report broadcasting the events of the destruction of Pompeii.

Children will learn to modify adjectives and use expanded noun phrases and prepositions to enhance their newspaper report. They will also be introduced to inverted commas to help them to add direct and reported speech to their newspaper reports. We will focus on punctuation this half term to help children to produce coherent pieces of work, where ideas flow at ease.

### MATHS



For the first half term, we will focus on multiplication and division. Within this topic, we will be problem solving, using written methods to multiply. We will be multiplying a 2-digit and 3-digit number by a 1-digit number, dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and dividing with remainders.

We will then briefly move on to 'Measure' where we will find and compare the area of a shape by counting the squares within them. To finish this unit, we will progress onto 'Fractions'. We will look at tenths and hundredths, equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and fractions greater than 1.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. We hope you have all had a rested, safe and enjoyable break and are ready for the new term.

We have some exciting learning opportunities ahead including a trip to the Ribchester Roman Museum where children will explore artefacts, ruins and even dress up like a Roman!

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## SCIENCE

This half-term our unit is 'Sound'. We will identify and describe sounds, learn that vibrations produce sounds and explore how vibrations travel from the source of the sound through a variety of materials before reaching the ear. Working scientifically, we will have the opportunity to investigate how sound travels via mediums.

## COMPUTING

This half-term our units are 'Logo' and 'Hardware Investigators'. In the Logo unit, we will learn the structure of the coding language of Logo. We will use 2Logo to create letter shapes and build procedures. Then, we will learn to understand and recall the different parts that make up a computer.

## READING

Our class book this half term will be 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong. This text links with our history topic. The children will explore all of the reading strands to answer questions from the text.

## HISTORY

This half-term our topic is 'The Romans'. We will explore the Roman invasion of the British Empire, the daily life of the Romans and explore the armour the soldiers wore. In addition, we will use our research skills to investigate different artefacts from the Roman Empire and learn what life used to be like for the Romans.

## RE

Our topic this half term is, 'Why Are Gurus at the Heart of Sikh Belief and Practice?' We will learn about the significance of Sikh scripture and will examine the significance of the Guru Granth Sahib.

## PE

This half term our focus in PE is *Athletics*. The children will build upon their skills learnt in year 3 and will develop their ability to perform a range of skills from running events, to throwing events and hurdles.

## PSHE

Our topic is 'Dreams and Goals.' We will learn how to make new plans and set new goals, even if we have been disappointed. We will learn how resilience and a positive attitude contribute to a greater chance of success.

## Art

This half term our art topic is 'Digital Imagery'. We will begin by incorporating our Roman learning. We will then progress to look at symmetry and reflection within a range of artwork.

## FRENCH

In French, we will learn a variety of vocabulary which will be used to tell a story. We will also learn to count in multiples of ten.

## MUSIC

Our learning is focused around the song, 'Lean on Me.' Pupils will take part in warm-up games to help them sing the song and compose their own lyrics.