

## Literacy

Our English lessons will continue with the Talk 4 Writing structure this year. This is where we learn to say a text before we write our own. After great success with both stories and newspaper articles, we will now move on to a 'Quest' theme. Again, we will produce a narrative writing piece before moving on to writing diary entries. These pieces of work will be based upon the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

We will build upon the descriptive skills from the first half term and continue to develop as writers—this time focusing more on problems and resolutions in stories.



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## Reading

During our daily reading sessions we will delve into texts as well as using pictures and videos to develop our inference skills.

Our class reader this half term will be 'The Midnight Gang' by David Walliams.

## Religious Education

This half term we will be continuing to look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation, exploring contrition, conscience, Penitential rites and Absolution. We will follow on from this with our Advent topic in the run up to Christmas.

## Our Value

Our values curriculum is very important to us in school. During this half term our value focus will be 'Hope'.

## Science

This half term we will be studying 'States of Matter'

- comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
- observing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

## Numeracy

We will begin the term looking at adding and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits using formal written methods and reasoning skills.

Following on from this we will study multiplication and division, children will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know (2,3, 4, 5,6,7 8,9,10 and 11) and use their reasoning and inverse operation skills.

We will then look at measures and will measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml)

We will end the term looking at 2D shapes and their with a cross curricular link to DT and nets of 3D shapes.

## Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be covered during our weekly basic skills lessons, linked to our literacy work/topic. Across Lower Key Stage 2, we will work on spellings in class—this might be different to what your child is used to. Spelling lists for the term will be available from the class teacher, but there won't be a weekly test where spellings are sent home.

## Humanities

Travel back to Roman Britain as our class explores why Britain was invaded and settled by the Romans and what effects this had on the future of Britain. We will study the rise of the Roman Empire in Britain, opposition from the Celts, the legacy that was left behind when they went home and understand the power and organisation of the Roman army.

## P.E.

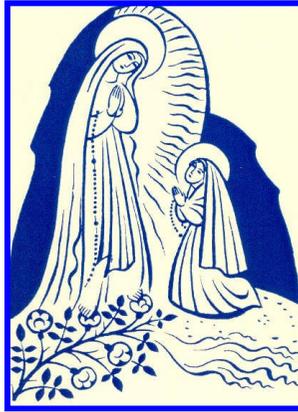
Outdoor-Monday, Indoor- Wednesday  
The children will develop skillful attacking, defending and team play through football. In a variety of games, children will use these skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. Children will continue to learn key skills for Volleyball, taking part in small games to put these skills into action.

## FRENCH

In French we will continue with the topic 'Je me presente'. We will gain an understanding across a range of French topics and be able to say short French sentences about ourselves and the things around us.

## PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the theme of Health and Wellbeing of the SEAL programme. In this area of SEAL, children will be encouraged to take new roles in groups, they will be taught to appreciate the thoughts and feelings of others and learn to be a really good friend.



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## Music

Year 3/4 will be getting into the Roman theme, learning Roman songs with the aid of Charanga resources.

## Computing

Over the year, the class will have lots of opportunities to explore a variety of computer programs, websites and apps to play, build, record, produce and create. This term the class will study databases and how they are used to sort, calculate and present data.

We will also have the chance to log onto our favourite websites, like SumDog and apps like DoodleMaths. Please ask if you would like a log in reminder sent home—these sites are enjoyable, educational and FREE!

## Educational Visits and outdoor Learning

There will be a LKS2 trip to Vindolanda during November linking to our Romans in Britain topic. Please look out for the Parentmail

## Art / DT

This half term will have a creative theme linked to our other subjects. We will practise modelling using clay before moving on to some cross stitching. We are hoping to have some masterpieces to send home and to create a beautiful blanket to brighten up our classroom.

## Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Thursday—consolidating class work throughout the week. If there are any issues, there is time to see me before the weekend. All homework should be completed by Tuesday and brought into school. Reading books will be sent out during the week and changed when your child has finished reading those books. Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded in their reading record books and signed by you.

## Useful websites

The Romans

<http://www.knowtheromans.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwmpfg8>

[http://interactives.mped.org/view\\_interactive.aspx?](http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/> linked to our topics.