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# Curriculum Newsletter

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Year 4

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*Mintus Maximus*, a Roman Soldier, visited the children during the first week of the term. The children were completely taken by surprise and were eager to ask many questions. As well as the Roman visitor, the children had a chance to sample different foods that Romans would eat.

'I've never had goats cheese before...I love it!' was an enthusiastic response by a year 4 child. The children also started making their own mosaic patterns. *Mintus Maximus* said he would return later in the term to hear what the children have found out about the Romans.



# ROMANS

What have they ever done for us?



*Mintus Maximus*  
"Salvete"



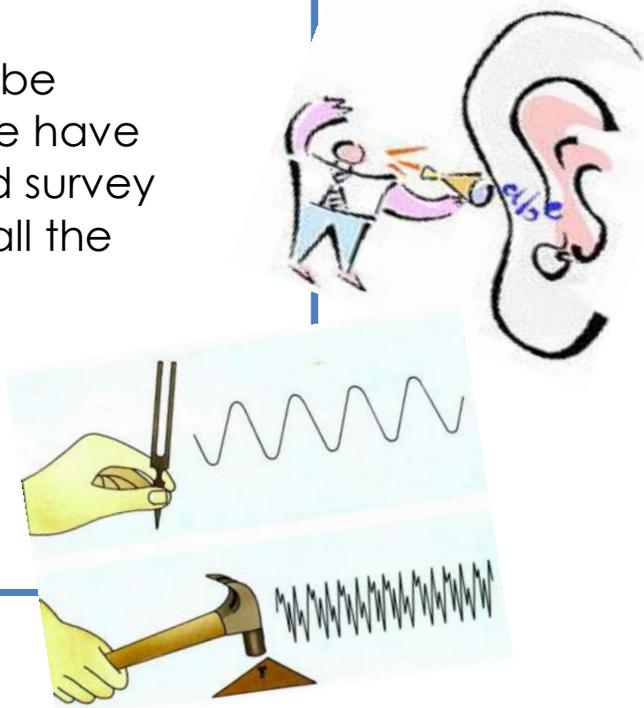
## Learning Theme Overview

We will be finding out the answers to these questions: What impact did the Romans have on Britain? Why on earth would Julius Caesar want to leave sunny Italy and invade cold Britain? Boudica stood up to the Romans but how do we remember her today and how can we explain the power of the Roman army at this time?

What can we tell about Roman life from a study of a villa/fort and how far did the Romans change the life of people living in Britain after the conquest?

## Science

This term in Science, we will be learning all about sound. We have already conducted a sound survey around school, identifying all the different sounds we can hear. We will be learning about how sound is made, how it travels and how we hear sound using our ears.



## P.E /Games

During our P.E. lessons, we will be learning to co-operate with each other to play games successfully. We will use our agility and quick thinking skills to compete with our opponents. We will be teaching the skills of netball during our games sessions. We will go out in all weather so please make sure your child brings in suitable footwear to wear outside. As the weather gets colder, we would ask that the children bring tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt to wear outside. They may also want to bring a pair of gloves.



## Art

Linking to our topic, we will be making mosaic pictures and planning, designing and making Roman battle wear.

## English

This term Year 4 will be writing their own r... learning about Rome and in particular, th... The children will be learning how to make... interesting, by using adjectives in various... poetry week which will build on their kno... allow the children to learn and recite son...

In our final weeks of this term, will be usin... researching using the internet. We will be... paragraphs which include effective lang... structure and a range of ambitious adjecto...

## Topic

Within our topic lessons we will be learning about the Romans. We have already met the centurion Mintus Maximus, which gave us opportunities to ask him what life was like in Rome. We have tasted food that

Romans would have eaten and have started to find out which countries they invaded. We will be researching famous Romans such as Julius Caesar and learning about the battle involving Boudicca.



## Religious Education

This term, Year 4 will be studying Jesus -Why is Jesus and inspirational leader to some people? And we will learn how different people see Jesus in different ways. Our studies will lead us into understanding that Jesus is seen to be inspirational through his teachings and life and we will learn that the beatitudes reveal positive ways of life for Christians.

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the story of Romulus and Remus.  
e their characters and settings  
ways. We will be including a  
nowledge of description and will  
me poems.

g non-fiction texts and  
e learning how to write cohesive  
guage, varying sentence  
ctives and adverbs.

## **Maths**

This term the children will be learning all about number and place value. We will be studying the value of the digits up to 5 digit numbers and comparing and ordering these numbers. We will concentrate on different methods of calculation, giving the children a range of strategies to help them.

As times tables are key to many aspects of maths, we encourage children to practise these daily. We have now instigated a multiplication challenge which the children are really enjoying.

## **PSHE**

Our value this term is 'Resilience'. Our aim is to help the children to appreciate that we can learn through making mistakes. We are instilling in the children that they are learning in an environment where mistakes are acceptable, as long as they try again to improve. The motto "If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again," is being used this term in Year 4.

## **Homework**

Weekly home learning consists of practising times tables daily, ready for our Planet Challenge. It is an expectation of Year 4 that all times tables up to 12x12 should be learnt off by heart. Spellings are handed out at the beginning of each week, with a test on Friday. We will also set up maths homework on the computer to be completed weekly. Your child will be given the correct log in details. Should your child not have access to the internet for any reason, homework can be completed during lunchtimes at Maths Club.

Please also ensure that your child is reading every night and their book and reading record is brought into school every day, thus ensuring their book is changed regularly. If you would like your child's book changed more frequently, then please remind them to do so. Don't forget to talk to your child about what they have been learning.

## **P.E. Days**

Mondays and Wednesdays—4KS  
Mondays and Thursdays— 4NM

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor P.E. kit, which is labelled, in school all week, as sometimes our P.E days will need to be flexible. As of this term, we will be sending letters home should your child not bring the entire and correct P.E. kit.