



# Year 4 Term 1

## Empire Strikes Back!

### Theme

Our theme this term is based upon a historical theme, as we learn all about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will discover who the Romans were, why they invaded and how they have impacted our lives today. We will learn all about the Roman army and will review the attempted and successful invasions. We will also be reading 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong to accompany our learning within our writing units.

### English

In English, we start the term by writing a character description linked to the opening of 'Romans on the Rampage'. We will then move on to creating our own wishing tales and writing our own non-chronological reports. We will be focusing on sentence structure, descriptive vocabulary and the use of fronted adverbials. We will have lots of opportunities to magpie ideas from model texts to then edit, improve and develop our writing.

In guided reading, we will be reading 'Boudica's Army' by Hilary McKay, alongside a range of linked texts developing our inference and understanding of authorial intent.

### Maths

In maths, we are learning our place value and building upon our addition and subtraction skills. We will look at numbers up to 10,000 and apply this understanding of number to using the four operations. We will be solving number problems involving our digit numbers, using negative numbers and learning about Roman Numerals. We will also be practising our times tables to learn both multiplication and division facts.

### R.E.

In R.E, we will focus upon a unit of work called 'Communities'. We will learn about what it means to belong, explain what makes a community and describe the contributions of a religious group to our community.

### Art and Design

We will be starting our Art and Design unit with a trip to the village of Warter. We will be taking part in an art workshop led by a professional artist and will be taking inspiration from the work of David Hockney to create some abstract art of our own.

### P.E.

In PE, we will be taking part in Netball and Fitness sessions this half term. We will be learning how to monitor our own physical fitness and how to improve our health. We will be developing our throwing and catching skills to progress into playing our own class 5-a-side Netball games.

### Music

Year 4 will be having music lessons with Mr King this term. We will be learning all about the history of music, different genres of music and how music is composed using different instruments. The children will also be learning how to play the glockenspiel.

### Computing

In computing, we will be learning about computer systems and networks connected to the use of the internet. We will be learning how websites can be shared via the World Wide Web and will be evaluating the consequences of unreliable content.

### History

In history, we will be learning all about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will be developing our chronological understanding by using timelines to order events, people and changes. We will be learning all about Julius Caesar and Claudius to review their attempted and successful invasions, as well as Boudicca's rebellion. We will review how the Roman invasions have affected our lives today.