Our PE this Half Term Focus: Dance

PE will be on Tuesdays and all children should come to school in their PE kits.



Our Religious Education and World Views this Half Term

We are learning about the concept of worship, and in specific, Makar Sankranti - a Hindu festival celebrating harvest and the arrival of spring. We will also compare the Hindu and Christian worship rituals.



How can you help at home?

Reading - Please encourage the children to read, read and read - and also record it in the GoRead app so we can see their comments.

<u>Maths</u> - Times tables - our aim is for all children to receive all of their times tables badges by the end of Year Four up to x12. We also have to undertake the Year 4 multiplication check, which is national. Play with money - sort, count, add, subtract, play shops - every little helps!

<u>Homework</u> - will be given out on Wednesdays and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday please.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 9th Jan 2023 - Year 4 Brading Roman Villa Trip.

Week commencing 6th Feb 2023 - Design and Technology Week.

<u>Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb 2023</u> - HALF TERM.

<u>Fri 31st Mar 2023</u> - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April 2023 - EASTER BREAK.

Mon 1st May 2023 - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2023 - HALF TERM.



Nine Acres Primary School Spring Term 1 2023



Year 4 Team







Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had an opportunity to recharge yourselves over the long break!

We planned an exciting half term full of fun learning! As you know, we will visit the Roman Villa in Brading to enrich and embed children's learning about the Ancient Roman Empire.

Please continue to help your children learn all their outstanding times tables facts - this is knowledge for life.

Our door is always open - please see us if we can help with anything.

With thanks,

The Year 4 Team.



Knowledge Organiser 'Striving for Excellence'



Year 4 - Spring Term 1 2023 - Romans

Important facts to know by the end of this topic:

- All Roman towns were all laid out in the same way - each had straight streets shaped in a grid pattern
- Any town that ends in 'chester' 'caster' or 'cester' was once a Roman town.
- Romans liked order and clean, straight lines and wanted the fastest and straightest paths from one place to another.
- The Romans not only built and used roads for transporting goods and their army, but they also developed a Roman Navy (Army of the Sea) that also imported and exported goods.
- Brading Roman Villa was a farm in which a wealthy family lived.

Key Skills

To explore significant aspects and achievements of the Roman Empire in Britain.



- Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom and identify human characteristics.
- Understand human geography including types of land use.
- Understand human geography including economic activity including trade links.
- Carry out fieldwork, analyse and present the findings.



Key Vocabulary

Village - a group of houses and associated buildings, larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town, situated in a rural area.

Town - a built-up area with a name, defined boundaries, and local government, that is larger than a village and generally smaller than a city.

City - a large town.

Settlement - a place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.

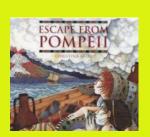
Region - an area, especially part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.

<u>Trade</u> - the action of buying and selling goods and services.

Our English this half term!

This half term we will be diving into the world of the Romans and experience the eruption of Mt Vesuvius first hand. We will be writing descriptive poetry about volcanoes as well as narratives that build action and suspense. We will join the gladiators in the spotlight and experience the blood, sweat and tears of these brave warriors. Towards the end of term we will switch on our persuasive techniques to make sure the city of Pompeii is never inhabited again.

This term's exciting books!



Our Maths this half term!

We will continue to secure our times tables knowledge and efficient use of strategies to multiply quickly and correctly. We will then move onto learning about length and perimeter of rectangles and squares, and other regular 2D shapes. After, we will start our

link directly to division.

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