

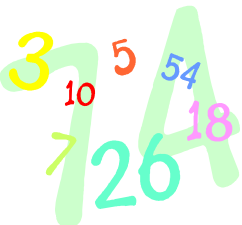


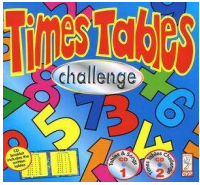



Beechwood Primary Academy Learning Journey
This term's learning and how you can support your child




Spring Term 2019	Year Group 4	Theme The Romans
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the programme of learning your child will be doing this term. There are many ways in which you can help your child at school but the most effective way is to show an interest and to encourage your son or daughter to talk to you about what he or she is learning in school. The children have reading record books; please try to read with your child at least three times per week. Junior children still enjoy being read to as well as enjoying digital stories. We do have a range of certificates and awards to encourage reading at home as well as in school.

<p>English</p> 	<p>The children will be developing their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills through English. They will receive daily guided reading and SPAG (Spellings and Grammar) sessions in addition to a daily English session. During the first half of the term, our focus will be biographical writing and descriptive writing. We will then move on to newspapers and myths and legends. We will be linking our English sessions to our Roman topic to develop our fiction and non-fiction writing. The children will continue using the accelerated reading scheme which tests children's understanding of books they have read. Children will also be learning a number of spelling patterns in line with government expectations and will be tested weekly. Children will continue to work towards their 'pen licences' through routine practice of handwriting.</p>
<p>How can you help?</p> 	<p>Please listen to your child read regularly and record your comments in their reading diaries. It is still a very important part of their learning even though your child may be increasingly independent. Asking questions is especially helpful: who are the characters? What happened next? What was your favourite part? Why did you like this story? Encourage your child to read a range of texts as well as their school reading books e.g. television pages, magazines and comics. Encourage your child to work towards their next target for the Owl Reading Tree Trail and the Renaissance Reading programme.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Mathematics this term we will be focussing on further multiplication and division, area and fractions. Teaching and learning in mathematics will continue to use the mastery model in line with new national developments. We will practice familiar strategies to solve number problems. Children will focus on applying their reasoning skills and mathematical vocabulary to solve more complicated problems. They will be</p>

	encouraged to explain their answers in order to demonstrate their in-depth understanding. We will continue to use the fluency master scheme so that children are able to secure these very important mathematical skills.
<p>How can you help?</p> 	Children will continue to learn table facts throughout the term. Children will be revising previously learned facts to ensure that knowledge is secure. They will also need to be able to recall division facts, by making links between both operations. It would be helpful for children to continue to practise their times tables at home, as well as within school. The children are required to problem solve with confidence and some speed. Frequent opportunities for 'Quick Maths' games are beneficial.
<p>Science – Living things and their habitats</p>	In science our topic is living things and their habitats. Children will focus on the classification of different animals and will learn about their different characteristics.
<p>How can you help?</p>	Talk about the topic they are learning in school. If you want to find out more visit the library with your child and research books on the topic. Our class web pages will be updated with useful sources of information and web links.
<p>The Romans</p> 	Our topic this term is The Romans. We will be focussing on the impact Ancient Rome had on Britain today, with the question 'What have the Romans ever done for us?' We will look at the spread of the Roman Empire, why and how this was so successful and the invasion of Britain. We will look closely at the Roman legacy on Britain today. We will also look at notable figures such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca.
<p>PE</p> 	In PE sessions this term we will be focussing on mindfulness and yoga. This will develop the children's ability to focus while working on their core, strength and flexibility. The children will learn breathing strategies to help them with balance and concentration. The sessions will teach the children to work and have fun together, encouraging them to develop their creative skills through play, while enabling them to unwind, rest and revive.
<p>SMSC</p> 	In year 4 pupils will be looking at New Beginnings and discussing their rights in the classroom through making a class charter. We will explore how it feels to start something new and ways of coping with these feelings. We will make a class set of rules to enable children to maximise learning in a happy environment. The children will come to understand their rights and responsibilities within the school. The children will also complete the getting on and falling out unit to ensure children can make their playground and classroom a safe and happy place to be.

Religious Education 	The children will explore religion through comparison studies of Islam and Christianity. They will look at the core values and beliefs of both religions and the similarities and differences between these.
Computing 	The children will use ICT across the curriculum to word process, create Power Point presentations and use programmes to create tables and graphs. The children will also use the internet and e-books to research curriculum topics.
French 	The children will continue to develop their understanding of basic French phrases and vocabulary, and to learn and respond to simple French stories and poems.

Children should bring their reading book and diary to school each day. Reading is the most important part of homework and helps children in all other areas of the curriculum. Each child has a reading scheme book to take home. Children can change their book once they have passed the online quiz. Please write in the reading record book when you have listened to your child read at home. Homework is set each Monday and is due back in school on the Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team – Miss Warren, Miss Hemelik, Miss Wooley and Miss Francis