



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Autumn 1

Year 4

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading Romulus and Remus and learning all about how Rome got its name. We will create a story map and use this to retell the story. We will also write a recount about our trip to Chester.



Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be focussing on explaining the meaning of words in context. We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books; Homophones
Prefixes; in-, il-, im-, ir-, sub-, inter-
We will also be looking for these tricky words; calendar, appear, believe, grammar, increase, interest, opposite, straight, strength, women

Our class novel
Is 'Charlotte's
Web'



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be getting to grips with our times tables - focusing on the 7,9,11 and 12 times table in particular. We will continue to learn about the significance of place value in maths and use our knowledge to help us compare, order and round numbers. We will also learn to read and write Roman Numerals. Our Maths Dictionary will help to embed key knowledge.



Foundation Subjects

This half term we will be starting our topic of Romans. As historians we will look at the origins of the Roman Empire and early Roman Civilisation. We will learn the names of the Roman Emperors. We will also look at the significant impact of the Roman invasion on Britain and the lasting legacy they have created. As artists we will use a range of different drawing materials to create 'Power Prints'. In RE we will be looking at and discussing the question, 'Are all religions equal?'. As musicians, we will learn a Roman marching song to sing and play on the glockenspiel and xylophone. As athletes, we will learn how to play Rounders and develop our athletic skills. In computing we will explore repeating patterns and forever loops in Scratch with MGL. Lastly, in DT we will make a beef ragu.

centurion, emperor, gladiator, conquer, invade

Science

In Science, we will be learning all about 'Animals, including Humans'. We will develop our understanding of our personal health and how this is related to human nutrition, dentition and digestion. We will describe, sequence and investigate the simple functions and the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and we will identify and name the different types of teeth in humans and some other animals, and their simple functions. We will understand how our teeth could decay and how we can keep our teeth healthy.

digestion, molar, stomach, oesophagus, small intestine, large intestine



Personal Development

To help our Year Four children develop as well rounded little people, ready for the world around them we will look at 'Being Me in My World'. We will be teaching this through our Jigsaw topic where we will focus on what makes us special and all the people we have around us who love us and care for us. In No Outsiders, we will read about how 'Being different is the best thing ever!' Using My Happy Mind, we will learn about how to control and manage our feelings when we face challenging situations. In our P4C lessons, we will practise our debating, listening and oracy skills as we discuss topical questions.

