



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Autumn 2

Year 4

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading and writing about the Roman invasion.

We will read *Escape from Pompeii* and write an eye witness account of the events in the story.



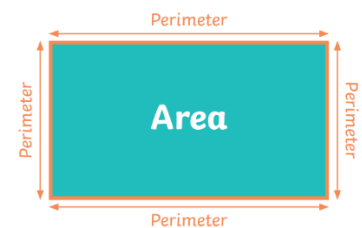
Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be focussing on explaining the meaning of words in context. We will also be working on identifying how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books; Suffixes; -ation, ly, ily, /sh/ - ch We will also be looking for these tricky words; complete, continue, material, experiment, famous, favourite, February, naughty, knowledge, remember.



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be adding and subtracting numbers to 10000. We will also answer multiplication and division questions involving all the timetables up to 12x12. The 7, 9, 11 and 12 timetables are new to us so we will do lots of work on these. We will draw arrays to help us solve multiplication and division calculations. We will learn about length and perimeter of shapes.



Foundation Subjects

This half term we will be continuing our topic of Romans. As historians we will be finding out why the Romans invaded Britain, what the Roman army was like, and how Britain responded to the invasion. We will also look at the legacy left behind from Roman times and discuss how their influence still affects our daily lives today. As artists, we will develop our painting skills and learn how to create shades and tones. In RE we are looking at the question, 'What makes some texts sacred?' As musicians we will continue to develop our Roman marching song with understanding of motifs. In computing, we will be able to use a green screen to create an informative Roman video. In PE we will be exploring dance around the world.

senate, amphitheatre, empire, chariot, aqueduct.



Science

In Science, we will be learning all about Electricity. We will identify common appliances that run on battery and mains electricity, and recognise that some appliances that can run on electricity can also exist in a form that uses no electricity. We will construct simple series circuits and identify and name the basic parts of a simple series circuit, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will learn what electrical conductors are and insulators are, and which materials conduct electricity and which don't.

circuit, conductor, insulator, cell, electrons.



Personal Development

To help our Year Four children develop as well rounded little people, ready for the world around them we will look at 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be teaching this through our Jigsaw topic and include the importance of anti-bullying. In No Outsiders, we will read 'Dogs don't do ballet'. 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. An assembly theme this half term will be the British Value Rule of Law.

