

I Am Warrior!

Year 4 - Topic Web - Term 3



Science

The children will be learning about Sound. They will be learning that sound is produced by vibrations. Also, they will investigate these questions:

- How do we hear a sound?
- How does sound travel?
- How can we change the pitch of a sound to make it higher or lower?

Children will have the opportunity to construct a Roman drum that would have struck fear into the Celtic warriors!

Discovery

Throughout term 3, the children will be looking at a range of texts including *The Thieves of Ostia* – a mystery set in Roman times - and a variety of non-fiction texts to find out many fascinating facts about the Romans. The children will be learning to write stories, diaries, poetry, recipes, recounts, invitations, menus and lots more. As part of this they will write diaries pretending to be Roman or Celtic soldiers, as well as designing, planning and holding a Roman feast!

PE- Swimming (Regents) and Gymnastics (Kensington)

Term 3 will be the final term for Regents class to be swimming. Children will continue to develop water confidence, front crawl, breast stroke and backstroke. Those in the advanced group will have the opportunity to gain their 25m badge. Kensington will be doing gymnastics. They will be learning to perform using a change of speed and direction, to perform actions taking weight on hands, to work with others to include compositional ideas, to refine and improve performance, and to perform a group sequence.

Music.

Children will have the opportunity to play the glockenspiel, learning basic notes and rhythm.

Children will also sing songs from the Roman topic on the Charranga learning platform. These include songs about Hadrian's Wall, Roman gods and goddesses, the Colosseum and the Roman calendar.

DT and Art

Children will have the opportunity to design their own Roman and Celtic shields. These will then be evaluated and tested for strength! They will also have the opportunity to decorate their shields using Roman or Celtic patterns and designs. Lots of cardboard will be required for this adventure, so any donations of boxes left over from Christmas will be very welcome! 😊

R.E.

The children will continue with their learning on Hinduism and Christianity. They will be exploring the topic of "What do different people believe about God?" This will give them the opportunity to investigate the different opinions of Christians, Hindus and Atheists. Learning the importance for mutual respect of different opinions will be a key part of the topic.

Maths

The children will be developing their mental and written strategies for all four operations (+, x and ÷). We will look at how we use fractions of shapes and fractions of amounts. We will introduce decimals to the children. Children will learn how to calculate the area of a rectangle. Within these different topics, the pupils will also solve a variety of mathematical word problems.

Uniform

All clothing needs to be labelled clearly please, especially jumpers.

Next term, Kensington will need to continue to come in wearing PE kit every Friday. As the weather may be cold, could children please have warm clothing (e.g. a pair of dark jogging bottoms, as well or instead of their shorts). Children can wear their Green Park jumper over their PE top if cold. Regents class will continue to need swimming kit brought in on a Friday. After February half-term it will be the turn of Kensington class to go swimming for terms 4, 5 and 6.

Reading

Your child has a reading book and a reading record book to take home every night. This needs to come in to school every day.

We can see a positive difference in the children who read daily to you and we say a big thank you in advance for this.

Thank you also for recording their progress in the reading records, it is very helpful to us.



Homework

Your child is given homework every Thursday.

Homework is to be returned by the following Thursday morning. If your child is having difficulty completing this, please speak to the class teacher who will arrange for your child to complete it in school.

Homework is a whole school policy and children are expected to complete it every week. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Finally, we are looking forward to a new and exciting term, one that will bring many challenges and stimulating experiences.

We are always available on the gate before school and on the playground after school, so please don't be shy in talking to us, even if it just a short hello!

Our aim, as ever, is the best possible development for your child, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

For further details about this terms topic please visit the school website.

Year 4 team.