St John's Primary School





This term our values will be **determination** and **respect**.

PE days Spring 1:

Year 3: Thursday and Friday

Year 4: Monday and Thursday

PE days Spring 2:

Year 3: Tuesday and Friday

Year 4: Monday and Tuesday

African Drumming Workshop: Monday 29th January

Half-term: Monday 12th-Friday 16th February

INSET DAY: Monday 19th February

Year 4 Residential trip to High Ashurst: Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd February

British Science Week: week commencing 11th March (workshops on Thursday 14th March)

Parents' evening: Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March

Easter Service: Thursday 28th March (10am)

End of term: Thursday 28th March (2pm)

Milestone 2 (Years 3 & 4) Spring Term 2024







THE BIG IDEA – Romans in Britain

As the Roman empire expanded, Julius Caesar made two attempts to invade Britain without success. However, in 43CE under Emperor Claudius, the Roman's large and strategic army finally conquered. From Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland to Pompeii in Italy, there is lots of evidence for archeologists and historians to build a picture of Roman life. The Romans achieved many engineering successes such as piped water, road networks and heating and their legacy survives today.

As readers we will read:

A-Z Poetry by Michael Rosen and Rotten Romans by Terry Deary

Earth Shattering Events by

As writers we will write:

- Poems in the style of 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright
- A biography of an inspirational person based on 'One Plastic Bag' by Isatou Ceesay
- A narrative story
- Recounts
- Cautionary tales based on 'The Lorax' by Dr Suess

As geographers we will:

- Survey of plastic use
- Understand the impact of plastic pollution on the animal population
- Journey of plastic production
- How to reduce the use of plastic in the environment

As historians we will:

- Explore the expansion of the Roman Empire and the Roman invasion of Britain
- Identify the strength of the Roman army and challenges it faced e.g. the rebellion by Boudicca
- Ask questions about the artefacts found in Pompeii
- Explore aspects of Roman culture such as Roman baths,
 Roman villas and the Colosseum
- Understand the impact that the Romans had and the legacy they have left

As scientists we will learn:

YEAR 3

Rocks, soils and fossils

YEAR 4

- States of Matter
- Animals, including humans

As mathematicians we will learn:

YEAR 3

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

YEAR 4

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Length and Perimeter

We will also learn **Art** (Impressionism), **DT** (Levers), **RE** (Christianity), **PSHE**, **Music**, **French**, **Computing** and **PE** (including Gymnastics).

How you can help at home:

- Make sure your child reads daily and that you record it in their reading record (5 times a week).
- Make sure your child completes their weekly homework: maths and spelling.