

## During this term we will be learning...

English	We will start the term with The Barnabus Project by the Fan Brothers. We will be writing character descriptions, letters of advice, advertisements and dialogue. We will move onto Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit, which we will use for setting descriptions and diaries. Where the Poppies Grow by Hilary Robinson is a narrative poem set in World War 1. We will base our Poetry unit on this theme and include imagery such as personification. We will paragraph our writing using The Firework Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman. In Non-fiction we will write instructions, a newspaper report and a recount.
Maths	Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Area. Throughout the year there will be a strong emphasis on learning Times Tables to prepare children for the statutory Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4. By the end of Year 4 children should be fluent in facts up to 12 x 12.
History	Investigating why the Romans invaded Britain and the reaction of the Celts, including Boudicca. We will also learn how the Romans changed life in Britain. And what their legacy is.
Geography	We will look at the country of Italy and its place in Europe and then narrow down to the region of Lazio. We will explore human and physical features of Lazio and research why it is a good place to visit. We will also compare Lazio to our own locality. We will be using atlases and maps.
RE	Which Rules shall we follow? We will learn about the significant figure of Moses. Christmas and the symbolism of Light.
Art and Design	Painting and Mixed Media: Developing skills in colour mixing, focusing on using tints and shades to create a 3D effect. Experimenting with composition and applying painting techniques to a personal still life piece
DT	Electrical Systems-Torches: Identify the difference between electrical and electronic products. Evaluate a range of existing torches and their features, then develop a new functional torch design.
Science	Digestion and Food: Children describe the function of key organs in the digestive system. Pupils identify the types of human teeth and investigate factors that impact our dental health. They compare human teeth to other animals' and take on the role of a naturalist investigating animal faeces for clues about diet, digestion and dentition. Electricity and Circuits: Exploring appliances in their setting that use electricity, learn how to work with electricity safely and build circuits. Investigate electrical conductors and insulators and explore the relationship between the number of cells and bulb brightness.
Computing	Computing systems and networks: Collaborative learning. Programming: coding with Scratch.
Music	This term we are delighted to have Mr Spencer, the Choral Director from Stonyhurst College, lead our music lessons.
PE	Invasion Games. Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.
French	In a French classroom and playground games.
PSHE	Family and relationships. Health and Wellbeing.

## How can you help your child at home?

Ensure that your child understands the meaning of the key vocabulary for our topics and help them to research the topics we will be covering this term. Talking to your child is the best way to expand their vocabulary and improve their general knowledge. Read lots of books and look for interesting words and phrases in them. What do these words mean and how could they be used in an alternative context when they are writing? Home reading is a way for children to practise and consolidate the skills they have been taught. We expect children to read at home at least three times a week to support these skills and develop their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Children may also need help with their Spelling and Maths Homework each week.

Thank you for all your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please just ask!

## Key Information for this term.

PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Maths homework is given on Thursday to be returned the following Thursday  
Spelling homework is given on a Friday for a test the following Friday.  
Please practice Times Tables facts on Times Tables Rockstars.



What are we reading this term?



