

English

To start our term, we will be revising some key terminology to help the children identify how to create a successful sentence, using nouns, verbs and a subject. The children will utilise these skills in descriptive story writing based on the picture book 'Escape from Pompeii'. Children will experiment with making effective vocabulary choices and varying sentence structure to build drama and tension in their story writing. In Reading, we will be reading 'Romans on a Rampage' by Jeremy Strong. We will be studying the author's language choices chosen and suggesting synonyms for these.

Design and Technology

Our unit for this term is 'Mechanical cars'. The children will develop their contextual understanding of vehicles by learning about the history of automobiles. Throughout the unit, the children will then be creating and testing prototypes of cars and will select appropriate tools to design and create their own toy car kit.

Science This half term we will be learning about Sound; how it travels through different mediums and the systems in the body which help us to hear. We will also be exploring the effects of different materials as insulators and conductors of sound. We will continue to develop our research skills and will further develop our understanding of how to conduct a fair test. We will identify independent variables and constants and use these to evaluate changes.

Religious Education

The first RE topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. They start by exploring a timeline of the bible and what life was like in Mesopotamia. We then focus on the story of Abraham and what he sacrificed to show his faith in God. We finish by looking someone who lived a life of Faith and Love - Sean Devereux.

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Mathematics

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on place value. We will start by revising 3-digit numbers and then moving onto numbers up to 10,000. We will look at placing numbers on a number line and comparing and ordering. At the end of our unit we will look at rounding any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Our next unit will be addition and subtraction where children will build on the formal methods from year three.

History

The focus this term is the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Over the course of this topic, the children will be gathering evidence to help them to discuss the historical enquiry statement 'The Romans had little impact on Britain during their settlement'. The children will use maps to investigate how far the empire spread and its impact. Through studying the Roman army and soldiers, we will investigate how they were able to successfully invade so many different countries.

Physical Education

This half term Year 4 will begin swimming at K2. In PE sessions children will be developing their perseverance to improve performance. They will be practising both footwork and static balance skills.