



# Northenden Community School

## Curriculum Information for Parents



**Class** Year 4 (Mr Jones and Ms Avanesian)  
**Term** Autumn 2017 (7 weeks)  
**Theme** Visitors to Britain (The Romans)

### THE BIG IDEA

In this unit of work we will be focusing on what life was like in Roman times. We will explore who the Romans were and when they lived. We will look at what everyday life was like for the Roman people and compare this to the Celts. We will also look at what evidence of Roman times still remains and what we can thank the Romans for. In art we will be looking at Roman mosaics and creating our own design. In geography we will look at the areas of Britain the Romans invaded.

### BASIC SKILLS in ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING/ICT



#### In READING lessons, the children will ...

- retrieving and recording information from texts
- learn how language is used to create images
- to develop their skills of inference and deduction through reading tasks



#### In WRITING lessons, the children will ...

- produce a non-chronological report about the Romans
- focus on narrative writing through our book 'Escape to Pompeii'
- identify common and proper nouns
- to revise adjectives and create their own adjectival phrases

#### In MATHEMATICS lessons, the children will

- Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four digit number
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C)



#### In COMPUTING / ICT lessons, the children will

- develop their own simple educational game using the Scratch program;
- use logical reasoning to detect and correct bugs in their game.

## OTHER SUBJECTS (our topic has a HISTORY focus)

In **SCIENCE** we will ...

- investigate how sounds are made and how they travel to our ears
- find out which materials are good sound conductors

In **HISTORY** we will ...

- collect information from a range of sources and draw conclusions about the Roman period.
- find out about the lives of the Roman people.

In **GEOGRAPHY** we will ...

- find out about the areas of Britain the Romans invaded.
- look at the geographical legacy of the Romans.

In **DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY** we will ...

- make a basic pasta sauce and pasta

In **ART AND DESIGN** we will ...

- examine mosaics from Roman times
- create our own piece of mosaic art

In **MUSIC** we will ...

- develop recorder skills (Mr Storey)
- learn to improvise in short pieces of music

In **PSHCE** we will ...

- develop confidence and responsibility
- talk about their opinions and explain their views

In **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** we will ...

- identify what we already know about Jesus
- recognise why is Jesus inspiring to some people



**PE lessons will take place on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays**

**In our PE lessons, the children will ...**

- improve stroke technique and improve stamina in swimming
- develop their sequences of movement in gymnastics



### OTHER INFORMATION

- The class will be taught by Mrs Petrie on Wednesday afternoons.
- Our class visit to the Grosvenor Museum will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October
- English homework will be set on Wednesdays for return the following Monday
- Maths homework will be set on Fridays for the return the following Wednesday



### YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- reviewing last year's report to remind your child of their targets
- practising their times tables
- reading with them on a daily basis