

### Music

In music, we will be continuing to build on our skills in playing the glockenspiel and learning the language of music.

### Art- Mosaics

During art, children will learn about the history of Mosaic. They will then be planning and creating their own mosaics based on original Roman designs.

### Writing

Across the school this half term we are going to continue using an English resource to support our work in writing, called *The Write Stuff*. As previously, writing work will be organised into units focussing on a particular genre. This half term we will begin by completing a narrative unit based around the short film 'Feast' before moving onto to Boudica's biography which links into our topic.

### Spellings

Again this half term we will be using [spellingframe.co.uk](http://spellingframe.co.uk) to support us in learning our weekly spellings. Each week will focus on a different spelling pattern / rule and tests will need to be taken by Friday.

### Reading

We will have daily guided reading sessions in school, focussing on developing our comprehension and inference skills. It is vitally important that children are also reading regularly at home (at least 5 times per week) and this needs to be recorded in children's reading records.

### Computing- Audio editing

In this unit, children will get the opportunity to explore and build their understanding around devices and their ability of recording audio.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be uploaded on to Google Classroom every Friday. Please could this be handed in online by the following Wednesday. If your child is struggling with a task that has been set, please don't hesitate to let us know as we are happy to provide support. Please enroll your child into the Maple Class Home Learning page by going to Google classroom, clicking on the + at the top of the page to join a class and then enter the following code: [vvgzlt0](#)

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### Roman Invasion!

Our topic work this half term will be history based and we will be trying to answer the question, *What did the Romans ever do for us?*

We will be learning about the impact of the Roman Invasion on the life of those living in Britain at the time and considering how much of our lives today could be influenced by the Romans who invaded and settled here 2,000 years ago.

### Physical Activity

In Maple class, we will have PE on a Monday which will be tag rugby. We will be working on the skills required in invasion games such as sending, receiving, attacking and defending, whilst working as a team. It is really important children bring PE kit, including suitable trainers.

On a Wednesday morning, we will be doing forest school with Mrs York.

### Maths

In maths, we will be continuing on our learning on subtraction from last half term. Next, we will be looking at measurement-length and perimeter. Then multiplication and division. To support any home learning, you can look at

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-4/>

### Times Tables

Times tables are incredibly important and being able to quickly recall multiplication and division facts is a key skill which helps support children with a number of different areas of maths. In the summer term, all year 4 children across the country will sit a timed multiplication tables check. Please support your child in learning their table facts at home either by encouraging children to use our subscription to Times Tables Rock Stars, or by speaking to me about alternative activities / strategies.

### RE

During this block of RE, we will be looking at 'What Hindus believe God is Like. Within this we will look at some of the different deities within Hinduism.

### PSHE – Jigsaw

Our next unit is Celebrating Difference this focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict; children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference', and most year groups explore the concept of 'normal'; bullying – what it is and what it isn't, including cyber and homophobic bullying – is an important aspect of this Puzzle.

### French

In our French lessons we will be building on our skills from last half term, by introducing conversational skills for basic greetings, e.g. Bonjour, Ca va.