

# Year 4

## St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

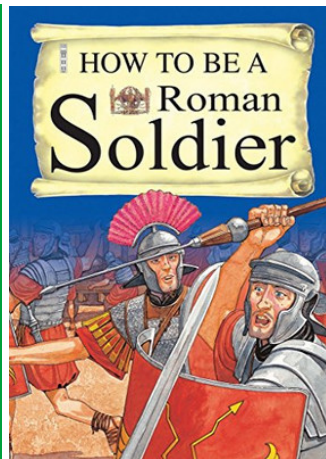
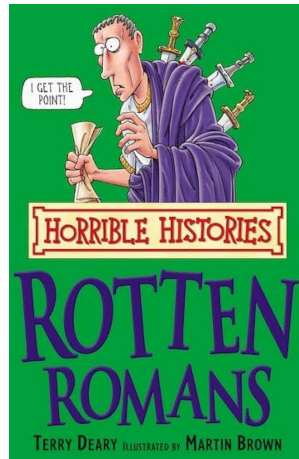
*'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'*



### Spring 1 - Learning Overview

#### The Hook

The children had the opportunity to use books, online research and information sheets to explore the Romans. They worked in groups collecting information and sharing it with the class.



#### Learning journey 1: Rotten Romans

#### Learning journey 2: How to be a Roman Soldier

### What we will be teaching:

#### English:

Learning journey 1: The children are focusing on writing a **mini-saga** about Roman Britain. They will learn new sentence starters to make their writing more exciting, plus refine their skills on using a variety of sentence lengths to make it more engaging and concise for the reader.

Learning journey 2: Otter class will be exploring **explanation texts** in order to write their own on a Roman Soldier. They will focus on using suitable vocabulary and paragraph structure to ensure that their writing is cohesive and flows.

#### Maths:

The children will be recapping knowledge on **Fractions**, focusing again on tenths and hundredths to gain further confidence counting up and down and rounding to the nearest whole number. Otters will also be finding different fractions of whole amounts including numerators that are bigger than 1 (for example  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 24 = 6 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 16 = 12). The children will also be looking at **Geometry** by exploring more quadrilaterals to build their recall of their properties. They will also be describing positions of 2D shapes on a grid and explaining their translations using co-ordinates. Finally, we will be working towards our **Addition and Subtraction** using the formal method for numbers up to 4 digits.

#### History/Geography:

##### Roman Britain

Year 4 will be looking at **Roman Britain** and how they influenced and impacted our world today. We will focus on the timelines of when the Romans invaded and occupied Britain, explore significant events, key features such as roads and their religion.

#### Science:

##### Plant reproduction

Otter class will be labelling the different parts of a plant that are involved in their reproduction. We will explore how different they can disperse their seeds and focus on Sycamore tree seeds (helicopter seeds)

and see how the length of their wings affect how fast they fall to the ground. We will be using our knowledge of fair tests to ensure we are being accurate with our results.

**ART/DT:**

**Clay**

Year 4 will be looking at different Roman Mosaics as their inspiration and will create their own relief design. They will create different clay shapes and attach using the score and slip method to produce a final design which they will paint in the same style as the Romans did.

**RE:**

Identity: Purium (Judaism)

**Computing:**

Programming

**PE:**

Outdoor: **Hockey**

Indoor: **Gymnastics**

**French:**

Food and likes and dislikes

**Messages to parents:**

Hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Christmas holiday. I am looking forward to spending another term with Otters and I am also pleased to share that Mrs Johnson will be joining us in Otter class in the mornings to support our learning. We have made a few changes in our time table: **P.E will now be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.**

I would also like to remind parents that in June the children will be completing their Multiplication Times Table Check and if you could continue practising at home to support this I would appreciate it. The children have all already made huge improvements since the beginning of Autumn term and I look forward to seeing what they all can achieve by the end of this term.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

The Year 4 Team