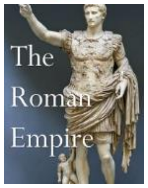
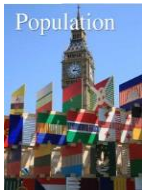
Year 4 learning overview.
Spring 1.



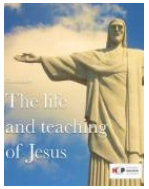
HISTORY: The Roman Empire.

This unit explores the Roman Empire, including how the army was organised; Julius Caesar, Augustus and the emperors Claudius and Nero; the Jewish-Roman War and the disaster at Pompeii and its lasting impact.



GEOGRAPHY: Population.

This unit explores population and migration, focusing on the multi-ethnic communities of London and Cardiff; Welsh language and culture and Welsh and British identities.



WORLD VIEWS/RELIGION: The life of Jesus.

This unit explores the life of Jesus, including his baptism and temptation, disciples, miracles, parables, the Transfiguration, and why these stories are important to Christians.



SCIENCE: Sound.

This unit introduces the science of sound. Pupils explore how sounds are made by vibrations, how sound travels, and how our ears hear. They investigate ways to amplify sound, change pitch, and block unwanted noise through practical experiments. Pupils will link their learning to everyday situations, encouraging scientific questioning and discussion.



READING:

Pupils will explore how texts are organised; the author's choice of language for specific effects; interpreting clues in a text; retrieving information and summarising events. We will also focus on expanding vocabulary and oracy through activities such as reading aloud and role-play.

Key texts: Thieves of Ostia (fiction), Cardiff (persuasive brochure), The Sound Collector (poem).



MATHS:

This half term we develop pupils' understanding of **multiplication and division**, using strategies such as partitioning and short division to solve calculations and reasoning problems. Children apply these skills to real-life contexts. In our unit on **fractions**, pupils interpret fractions in different ways, understand mixed numbers and improper fractions, add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and solve problems involving fractions of amounts with increasing confidence and accurately. We will also continue to focus our attention on practising times tables and arithmetic skills.



WRITING:

This half term's writing links with our history and geography topics. Pupils will write a narrative full of tension and dialogue describing an escape from Roman Pompeii. Pupils will write a persuasive text based on their geography study of Cardiff. Pupils will write a biography of Julius Caesar.



WIDER CURRICULUM:

Art: Roman mosaics
Music: guitar tuition continues
PE: dance
PSHE: money matters
Mandarin: asking for / choosing fruits and vegetables
Computing: introducing artificial intelligence



WISH LIST:

We have added a few resources to an Amazon Wish List that will help us to enhance our class' curriculum this half term. If you are able (and only if you are – no pressure at all!) we would appreciate your support in donating an item to us. Follow the link: https://amzn.eu/hejCyqK