# Year 4 Autumn Curriculum Overview



Outlined are the main topics that we will be learning about during the autumn term. Please don't hesitate to come and see me after school if you have any questions.

### English

Our English this term will initially be linked to our History focus - The Roman Empire. We will begin by reading the 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. The children will use this text to support them in their writing and will create a setting description and an emotive narrative.

Later in the term, we will explore 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

#### <u>Mathematics</u>

The children will begin the year by exploring the composition of 100 and 1000 and making connections between the structure of these numbers. They will then further develop their knowledge of place value and extend this to numbers up to 10,000. Once their understanding of place value is secured, there will be a focus on the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, with a move to using more formal written methods of recording.

All of this will be taught using the concrete-pictorial-abstract method to support our school's Teaching for Mastery approach.

Religion - Our first unit, Creation and the story of Abraham to Joseph will be complemented by a Onelife Music retreat day with a focus on Creation. We will learn about the lives of a number of important figures in the Old Testament and consider how God made us in His image and likeness. We will then learn about how Jesus teaches us to pray before entering the liturgical season of Advent and turning our attention to the preparations for the coming of Christ.

#### Science

Through our first Science topic - Animals including
Humans - the children will build upon their Y3
knowledge to think about what makes up a healthy diet.
They will learn about the process of digestion including the role our teeth play in this. They will explore different food chains.

In the second part of the Autumn term, the children will learn about sound.

## History and Geography

The focus in History and Geography for the Autumn term will be The Roman Empire. The children will explore this period of history while considering two enquiry questions: I. How did the Romans invade and take control of Britain?

2. What impact did the Romans have on Britain today?

The children will research key historical figures of the era and find out about life as a Roman Soldier.

## Art and Design Technology (DT)

This term, the whole school will take part in a Coventry-themed Design Technology week where the children will learn a range of new skills.



#### <u>PE</u>

During the Autumn term, the children will take part in dance lessons and will learn some football skills.

<u>PSHE:</u> Through story and discussion, children will learn that they are designed for a purpose and how they should live in light of this.

Reading books must be in school every day and reading diaries must be signed at least three times a week. Thank you

Dates: Mon PE kit to be worn to school

Thurs:

Tues:

Fri: Spelling test

Weds: PE kit to be worn to school