



September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn 1 2025 – The Rise of Rome

Our topic this Half Term is 'The Rise of Rome'. Romans versus Celts, the fight is on! Discover warring Britain: meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar and find out what the Romans did for us through an exploration of the Romanisation of Britain. Please find attached a fact file along with some ideas for activities which you might like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.

English

Our class text this Half Term is 'Runaway Robot' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We will begin our writing with a twisted narrative, where we re-tell a well-known story, but with a plot twist at the end. We will then plan and write a persuasive letter. Our aim is to include adjectives and prepositions to expand noun phrases, as well as learning how to punctuate direct speech and use persuasive devices to convince our reader.

Maths

We are starting our Maths learning this Half Term with some place value work, focusing on the value of numbers, rounding and partitioning. This crucial area of the Maths curriculum will help us unlock some addition and subtraction later in the Autumn term. Our Year 4s will be battling away with their Times Tables as the Multiplication check gets closer every day! To help your child to develop their fluency, encourage them to log on to TTRS (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>) or have a go on the White Rose 1-Minute Maths App (<https://assets.whiteroseeducation.com/fixd/wre/digital-tools/1-minute-maths/index.html>). When children secure their knowledge of these number facts, it gives them a great boost in confidence which they then bring to their maths lessons, too.

Religion and Worldviews (RW)

In RW, we will be exploring the question 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?'. In this unit, pupils will find out about the baptism of Jesus and where this is found in the Bible. They will study the text in detail and find out about what it means for Christians today. They will investigate how Christians show their beliefs about God and the Trinity and how these impacts upon their lives. Later in the unit, pupils will find out about infant and believer's baptism in the church and what this means for Christians today.

Across the Curriculum

We will be focusing on biology in science this half term, as we begin by learning about grouping and classifying living things before thinking about how we might collect data to test our idea. Our first computing focus this Half Term will be based around E-Safety. We will then explore how computing systems and networks operate, focusing on how computers are connected to one another. Our PE focus this Half Term is Cross Country. In Art, we will be focusing on printing skills, looking at examples of work from Andy Warhol to see how he used layers of colour in his work.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, either by emailing on admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk or by finding me on the playground at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nott.



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