



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Lower School — Autumn 2021

We have had a good start to the new academic year and the children are settling well into the new routines.

The classes have spent time learning about their class country and we are looking forward to developing this knowledge over the coming months. We would be keen to share any information your child finds out about their country.

We hope to be able to plan lots of different events in Lower School as the year progresses and would remind you to check the weekly newsletter for key information.

### English

Having nearly finished our first unit on *The Black Dog* by Levi Pinfold, the children will begin a new text looking at life in Roman Britain from a child's point of view. The children will write a narrative linked to this book. We will deepen our knowledge on creating setting and character descriptions.

Later in the term the children will be developing their writing skills further by writing a newspaper article and creating a non-chronological report linked to the Romans.

### PDL (Personal Development Learning)

Year 3 will be exploring different feelings and how these can make us feel and act

Year 4 will be exploring the different characteristics of people and consider the impact positive and negative characteristics have on people.

We will continue to explore meta-cognition and the learning powers to develop our skills as good learners.

### Maths

In maths, the children will be starting the term by looking at place value and representing numbers in a variety of ways. We will continue to develop the children's knowledge on bar modelling and use this to solve addition and subtraction calculations.

Times tables are essential for good maths learning and they will be developing knowledge of these in class. We would like the children to continue with this at home using TTRS.

### Knowledge & Understanding

In science the children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases; identifying their properties and carrying out a range of scientific experiments.

Computing will first teach the children about being safe when using the internet and then move onto developing digital literacy skills using Power Point in Y3 and in Y4 the children will be taking part in collaborative work through Wiki development.

In RE the children will learn about different rituals and will distinguish between those which are religious and non-religious, focusing on Christianity and Judaism. Later they will explore the concept of Holy.



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### Spanish

Y3 will be learning different nursery rhymes in Spanish.

Y4 will be learning how to introduce themselves using a range of different phrases and know the numbers to 20 confidently.

### Being Creative

In art the children will be studying mosaics. The children will consider differences between Roman and modern mosaics before creating their own.

Costa Rica class will be learning how to play different Samba instruments through the Hampshire music scheme Listen 2 me.

The other year 4 classes will learn to play an instrument in the spring or summer term.

### Physical Education

In the first half of the term the children will be learning to play tag rugby and developing their skills in athletics.

### Extended Learning

Children should be reading to an adult at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their reading record book. Spellings come home on a Monday ready for testing the following week and we would like your child to use the Times Table Rockstars resource to keep practising (<https://trockstars.com>).

There are lots of fantastic websites and local places to visit linked with the Romans should you and your child wish to extend your knowledge on this great topic. **Topic home learning will enable the children to be more creative with their learning at home and more details will follow shortly.**