

## Writing

**Narrative** - Using 'Feast' to inspire our own adventure story writing.

**Non-fiction** – Writing a biography about a famous person of our choosing.

**Essay writing** - Over the next six History lessons, pupils will learn all about the Roman Empire. Pupils will finish the unit by writing their own essay, allowing them to apply the knowledge that they have gained.

## Reading

**Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit.** The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD destroyed Pompeii but some people must have survived.

Taking this historical event as the starting point, this story tells of Tranio and Livia who witness the destruction of their beloved city.

**Charlotte's Web by E.B.White.** The story of a friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a barn spider named Charlotte.

## French

### Le date

We will be exploring how to communicate the date in French.

## PSHE

### Being me in my world

We will be exploring the roles we play as citizens in our class teams, Meon Junior, our local community and our world.

## RE

**Concept:** Good and Evil

**Focus:** Divali

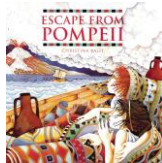
## Maths

**Place value** - Read, identify, write, order and compare numbers to at least 10,000, round numbers, interpret number lines and partition numbers to support with mental strategies.

**Addition and Subtraction** - Add and subtract numbers with up to 4-digits using formal written methods, estimate and use inverse to check calculations, solve problems and reasoning.

## History

**Roman Empire** - How did the Roman Empire become so powerful? How did the Romans conquer Britain? Why did Boudicca lead a revolt against the Romans? How did the Romans change Britain? What did the Romans believe? Why did the Romans leave Britain?



# YEAR 4



# AUTUMN TERM 1

## Music

This half-term we are composing our own music to accompany a computer game. We will be creating our compositions on Chrome Music Lab.

## Science

### Phases of Matter

We will be exploring solids, liquids and gases and identifying their properties. Children will discover how particles behave in these phases of matter and investigate what happens with heat is applied or they are cooled. We will identify the changes in state that can happen and work on ways of working scientifically including measuring temperatures.

## PE

**REAL PE** – our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. This half-term we are doing gymnastics and a Real PE unit exploring our personal skills and sportsmanship.

# Things to explore with your child!

## Welcome to Year 4!

We are thrilled to have our children back to school this Autumn Term. We have many exciting things planned for the year ahead and can't wait to get started. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or worries. Catch us at the end of the day or

[year4@meonjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:year4@meonjuniorschool.org.uk).

Thank you, from Team Year 4

## Maths:

Whilst at home, please encourage children to use their maths skills: Counting money, measuring, cooking and telling the time will all help them to consolidate the skills taught in lessons.

In the Summer Term, Year 4 will be formally assessed on their Times Table recall. We will be doing these in school but please take time to practise them regularly at home too - their group leader will give them a timetables to focus on

## Home Reading:

Your child must be reading at home on a regular basis. This can be reading independently, to an adult or sibling, or being read to. This should be happening **at least 4 times a week**.

We are lucky enough to have a beautiful library where your children can access a variety of books. This is also open at the end of the day. Your child's reading level will be shared with you as soon as possible and remember to use Accelerated Reader to quiz your books - the link can be found on the school website (see below).

## Events and Trips:

Year 4 will be visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace on Thursday 28th September - more details to follow

## School website:

There is a whole list of useful links on the school website which can be found at:  
[www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk/learn-with-us/links-for-learning/](http://www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk/learn-with-us/links-for-learning/)

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday but please always have your kit in school just in case!

## Weekly Homework:

Homework will be provided on **Thursday** and is due back the following **Thursday** and gone through briefly in class.

It will be shared on Teams and a paper copy will also be provided for those that prefer.

It will include a maths and an English task, timetable practice and reading practice.

## Termly Home Learning:

Please find attached a range of home learning projects for your child to choose from.

These are due by **15th October**.

Their finished piece/pieces will be shared during the last week of half-term and celebrated in our newsletter.

# HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS

In RE we will be studying Divali. Food is very important during the festival. Try baking your own cake (or cupcakes) and create Diya icing designs on top. We love edible homework! No nuts, please.



In Music, we are creating our own music for a video game. Why don't you spend some time looking at music that is used in video games and create a double bubble map to compare different pieces? You could also have a go at composing your own on Chrome Music lab at home.

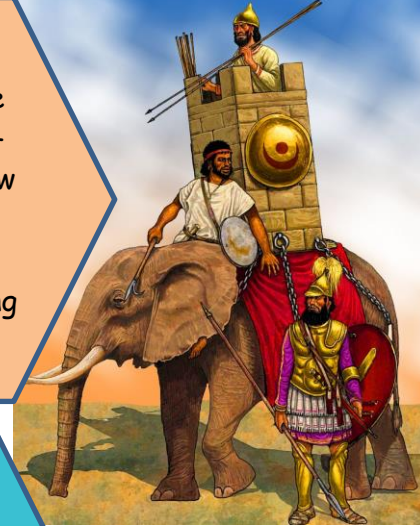


**BOOM!**

Escape from Pompeii is based around the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Find out more about the volcano which once buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.



In History we will be exploring lots of aspects of the culture during Roman Britain - one of these will be how the Romans influence our architecture and towns today. Try making or designing your own Roman town!



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