



# Year 4 Newsletter 2024

## Ash Class: Autumn 2



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Ash & Pine Class

Our big question this half term is:

**What did the Romans ever do for us?**



### English

Our class text is called 'Vita and the Gladiator' which is a Roman novel about courage and justice. We will be writing our own scene description thinking carefully about the atmosphere created and the exciting vocabulary used to entice the reader. Following this we will look at some poetry linked to the Romans.



### Maths

In Maths, we will begin our multiplication and division unit, with a key emphasis on recall of multiplication and division facts (with increasing speed including dividing by 1, 10 and 100). We will then move onto exploring fractions thinking about how to convert fractions with addition and subtraction. Continuing to access Timestable Rockstars weekly will support with our next unit of work.

### History

Our big question is still, 'What did the Romans ever do for us?' This half term, we will continue to learn about how the Romans changed Britain including links to Christianity. Then we will conduct research on Roman Emperors and focus on Queen Boudicca and her place in British history.



### Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Animals including Humans', with a focus on humans. We will begin by learning about the main parts of the digestive system in humans and understand the functions of each part. Next, we will move onto identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their functions. Finally, we will look in depth at what damages our teeth and how to look after them.



### PE

This half term will focus on developing our skills in Netball and Gymnastics.

On PE days please make sure hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed/taped over in advance.

Ash – Tuesday & Friday

Pine – Wednesday & Friday



### Music

This half term, our music unit is rock and roll. We will listen and appraise this style of music and learn the origins and key features of rock and roll music. We will also be practicing for Young Voices and our Christmas Service.



### DT

As part of our Roman topic, we will be designing and making a beautiful Roman purse to carry our sesterces! We will look at adding some chain stitching to decorate it.

### Computing

In our learning, we will examine devices capable of recording digital audio. We will discuss ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of replicating the work of others.



### French

This half term we will learn how to tell somebody the members, names and various ages of either their own or a fictional family in French.



### RE

We continue to explore the Hindu Faith with a focus on Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The festival is about light (or good) triumphing over dark (or evil), which is one reason why people light oil lamps.

### PSHE

In PSHE our primary focus will be on relationships. Our big question is: How do we treat each other with respect? We will explore having respect for ourself and others. Then we will learn how to be polite and courteous in different situations.



### Homework

The half-termly project is to be as creative as possible linking with our Romans topic. We would love to showcase our homework again and share these as a class, so we ask that these are brought into school by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December!** Please continue to practice your spellings and Learn by Hearts which will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

### Reading

In school, we will listen to your child read at least once a week. We would be grateful if your child could read to an adult at home as often as possible recording this reading in their reading record. Please ensure that your reading book and reading record are in school **every day** and make sure you complete the AR quizzes.