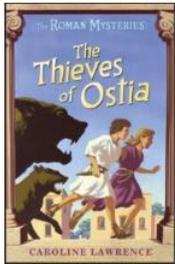


Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2

This term we will be reading *The Thieves of Ostia*, a historical novel written by Caroline Lawrence, the first book in The Roman Mysteries series. It is set in Ostia Antica, the harbour of ancient Rome, in the last month of the reign of emperor Vespasian and tells the story of Flavia Gemina.



Grammar will include suffixes, ordered adverbials, forms of past tense and use of inverted commas.

This term will start with measure: comparing, adding and subtracting lengths (m/cm/mm), mass (kg/g), volume/capacity (l/ml), into measuring and calculating the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres

We will then use place value and multiplication facts to recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations, multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout. To achieve Greater Depth we will solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by 1 digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems.



We will be visiting Skelton Grange Education Centre to investigate further the production and uses of electricity.



Details to follow.



Electricity

We will be identifying common appliances that run on electricity.

Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers

Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery

Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights up in a simple series circuit

Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors

How you can help at home

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible during their free time. It doesn't have to be just school books. You can also make use of their **TTRockstars** account and **SpellingFrame** to keep up with their times tables and weekly spellings.

Please also do your best to create an appropriate opportunity, with a quiet, comfortable environment, for your child to complete their homework.

Take time to check out our Year 4 Class Blog for regular updates.



Class Blogs: to facilitate the learning process, we regularly post learning materials online. The content of the Class Blogs will enable parents to support their child at home.

