



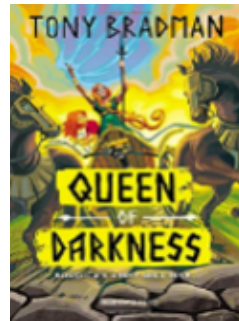
Year 4 - Life in Roman Britain

Curriculum Map - Block 1



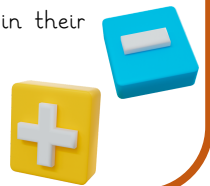
English

During this block, children will study *Queen of Darkness* by Tony Bradman, a historical novel set during the time of the Roman invasion of Britain. Through the story, they will develop their understanding of life in the past while exploring a range of writing styles. Children will write a letter recounting events from the perspective of a character in the story and use persuasive language to create a rally speech in role as Boudicca, inspiring others to support her rebellion against the Romans. Through these activities, children will develop their historical understanding alongside their skills in writing, vocabulary and communication.



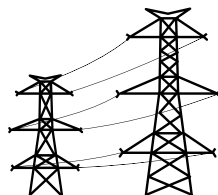
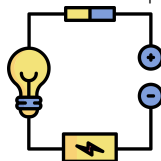
Maths

During this block, children will develop their understanding of place value in 4-digit numbers, learning to read, write, represent, compare and order numbers up to 10,000. They will explore the value of each digit within thousands, hundreds, tens and ones, and use this knowledge to solve problems and reason mathematically. Children will also build their confidence in addition and subtraction, using a range of mental and written methods to calculate accurately with increasingly large numbers. They will learn to apply their skills to real-life problems, explain their reasoning and choose efficient strategies when solving calculations. Through these activities, children will develop fluency, accuracy and confidence in their mathematical understanding.



Science

During this block, children will learn about Electricity, exploring how electrical appliances and devices are powered. They will identify common appliances that run on electricity and learn how to construct and test simple electrical circuits using components such as cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Through practical investigations, children will discover what makes a circuit work and learn to identify and correct faults in a circuit. They will also explore the function of switches and recognise whether a lamp will light in a complete circuit. Through hands-on activities and enquiry-based learning, children will develop their scientific understanding while building skills in observation, prediction and problem-solving.



Personal Development

During this block, children will learn about British Values, with a focus on mutual respect and how to show consideration for others within the school community. Through Protective Behaviours lessons, they will develop their understanding of feelings, personal safety, rights and responsibilities, and learn the importance of talking to trusted adults when they are worried. Children will explore strategies for recognising safe and unsafe situations and identifying people who can support them. In addition, they will develop essential first aid and safety skills, including how to call for help in an emergency and how to recognise and respond appropriately to asthma attacks and allergic reactions.





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History



During this block, children will explore Life in Roman Britain, learning about the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain and the lives of the people who lived during this period. They will investigate why the Romans invaded Britain, discover the role of Roman soldiers and learn about significant historical figures such as Julius Caesar, Emperor Claudius and Boudicca. Children will explore how the Romans changed Britain through the construction of roads, towns and landmarks such as Hadrian's Wall, and examine what archaeological evidence can tell us about people from the Roman period, including the Ivory Bangle Lady. Through the use of primary and secondary sources, children will develop their historical enquiry skills while investigating how Roman life shaped Britain and what legacy the Romans left behind.

R.E

During this block, children will explore the big question: "How might your worldview lead you to do hard things for good reasons?" Through discussions, stories and enquiry, they will consider how beliefs, values and personal convictions can influence people's choices and actions. Children will explore different perspectives and reflect on the motivations that inspire people to persevere, help others and stand up for what they believe is right.

Design and Technology

During this block, children will explore how electrical products are designed and made by designing and creating their own working torch. They will investigate how electrical circuits, protective casings and straps are used in everyday products before applying this knowledge to their own design. Children will select suitable materials, construct a simple electrical circuit and evaluate how effectively their torch meets the needs of its user.

Computing



During this block, children will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly through the Purple Mash curriculum, exploring topics such as self-image and identity and how to make positive choices online. They will also become more confident using the Purple Mash platform and develop their creative computing skills through animation, learning how to create, edit and sequence images to produce their own animated projects. Through these activities, children will develop both their digital creativity and their understanding of how to stay safe online.

Music



During this block, children will be preparing for their Harvest performance in church. Through singing and rehearsing a range of songs, they will develop their confidence, performance skills and ability to work together as part of a group while celebrating the Harvest season.

Spanish (Me presento)



Children will continue developing their Spanish language skills by learning how to introduce themselves, talk about their feelings, say where they live and describe their nationality. They will also build their confidence with numbers to 20 and learn to ask and answer simple questions in Spanish as part of everyday conversations.

P.E

During this block, Beech Class will take part in swimming lessons, developing their water confidence and swimming skills. Children will also participate in Tag Rugby and Gymnastics, building their teamwork, coordination, balance and physical confidence.

