


# Year 4 - Autumn 2 Learning Overview



**Writing:** Our focus book is *The Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann and we will be writing outsider narrative and information report. The key knowledge and skills we will be focusing on are:

- Abstract nouns
- Expanded noun phrases
- Verb inflections
- Prepositions

**Maths:** Our key focus this half term is multiplication and division. We have been learning and consolidating our 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables, before moving on multiplying larger numbers. We will be using practical resources to help the children before moving on to pictorial and written column methods.

**History:** Our key focus is 'Why the Romans settled in Britain?'. We will be explaining the meaning of empire and invasion. Understanding the chronology of the Roman invasion of Britain. Explaining why the Romans needed a powerful army and identifying their equipment. We will also be explaining the meaning of legacy and identifying how the Romans changed Britain.

**Science:** Our key focus is Electricity and circuits. We will be exploring electrical components and conductivity through circuit building and real life applications. We will also be discussing electrical safety.

**DT:** Our key focus is Mechanisms. We will work independently to produce an accurate, functioning car chassis. We will design a shape that is suitable for the project and attempt to reduce air resistance through the design of the shape to create a slingshot car.

**RE:** We will be exploring the question: How might your worldview lead you to do hard things for good reasons? This will lead us to think about sacrifices we make in our daily lives as well as discussing the sacrifices that are made within different religions and faiths.

**PE:** Our key focus is Swimming and Tag rugby. We will be continuing our weekly swimming lessons as well as developing a range of throwing and catching skills with Tag Rugby lessons.

# Homework Menu – Why did the Romans settle in Britain?

Choose three tasks to complete during this half term.

With an adult, use the web to find out more about a famous Roman Emperor.

Create different calculations using Roman Numerals.

Design and draw your own replica Roman shield.

With an adult, research Roman tools and describe how they were used.

With an adult, use the web to find out more about Roman Gods and Goddesses.

Gladiator Fact file.  
Find least 5 facts about a Gladiator. Make a fact file about what their life was like.

Draw a portrait of a Roman God or Goddess.

Choose a Times Table and write the multiples out using Roman Numerals.

Make your own Roman mosaic.  
You could use paper, pasta shapes, seeds, etc.