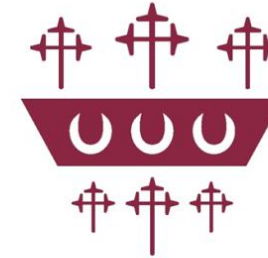


# Olney Middle School



*a CARING school*

## Important Events:

For our 'Epic Empires' Super Starter we will be visiting St Albans (Verulamium). The children will have the opportunity to explore the remains of a roman theatre, view an original roman floor mosaic, wall and hypocaust, investigate and take part in a range of activities in the museum and take part in a special artefacts workshop led by specialists at the museum.

For our 'Epic Empires' Fantastic Finish after Christmas the children are going to host a Roman day where they will get the chance to dress up, present a lot of their learning to you and take part in a range of engaging activities. More details coming closer to the time!

## Other important dates:

Friday 8th November St Albans Trip

Monday 11th November Remembrance Day Silence

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November Prospective Parents Evening

Year 4 performances (a letter about tickets will be going out soon):

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 5:30-6:30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:30-10:30am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Whole School Pantomime Trip to Derngate Northampton

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December Carol Concert

Friday 20th December Last day of term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January First day of Spring term

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January Epic Empires Roman Day (details to follow)

Topic: Epic Empires!

Year Group: 4

## Homework:

Homework is set and due in EVERY TUESDAY.

Please see the homework menu which has been given out with this newsletter. This explains how homework, including spelling, reading and times tables, will be managed this half-term. There will be a weekly lunchtime Homework club (Thursday, 4BB room) where children can get help with their homework. Please ask if you have any questions.

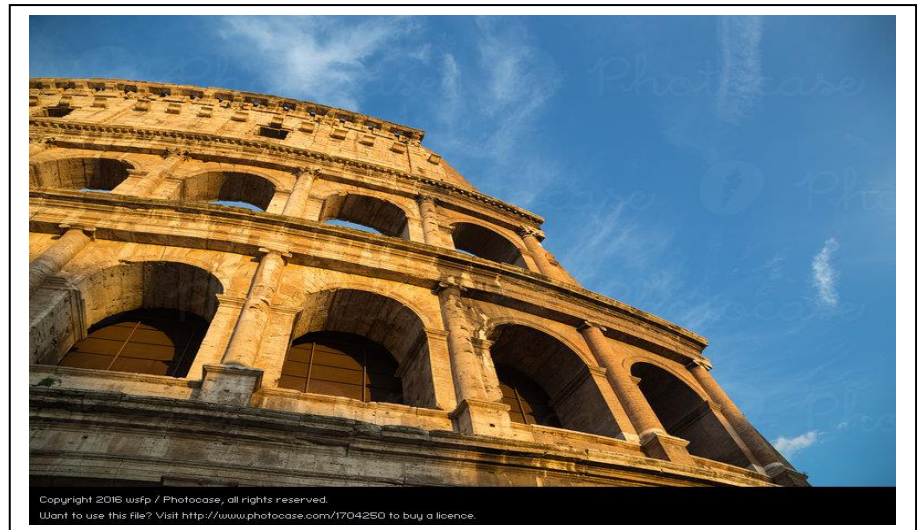
In PE we will be developing our badminton skills and playing invasion games (football or rugby).

4BB: Monday and Wednesday

4ES: Monday and Wednesday

4NK: Tuesday and Friday

4RH: Tuesday and Friday



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This half-term and the first half-term after Christmas in Year 4 our topic is 'Epic Empires' where we will be discovering lots of fascinating facts about the Romans and the impact they had on Britain.

As writers we will... use *Escape from Pompeii* to complete some descriptive writing including using a range of punctuation, grammatical features and word types associated with description. Later in the term we will focus on diary writing including writing in the first person.

As mathematicians we will... continue our work on multiplication and also learn about division.

As geographers/historians we will... use a range of sources to learn about the chronology of the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will continue to develop our mapping skills including compass points, grid references and drawing sketch maps in relation to the Roman empire. We will discover more about Roman settlements, learn about life in Italy and compare it with where we live.

In RE we will... learn about Christian symbols, faith & festivals

In PSHE we will... be focusing on developing our knowledge and understanding of our CARING values: Cooperative, Ambitious, Resilient, Integrity, Neighbourly and Gracious.

As readers we will... read a range of books related to 'Romans' including *'Escape from Pompeii'* and *'My Story, Pompeii: A Roman Girl's diary AD78-79'*. We will keep developing our VIPER skills.

Our Science topic this half-term is Sound. Pupils will be taught to:

- identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it
- find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases

As artists/designers/musicians we will... create sketch books to record observations linked to our topic and improve their mastery of art and design techniques. We will also learn about Roman architecture and design. We will mix colours correctly using our knowledge of the colour wheel. We will make a Roman shield. In Music we will develop our knowledge and skills using songs linked to our topic and then learn songs for our performances. We will also learn about simple notation and research Roman instruments.

In French we will... learn how to describe:

- Similarities and differences between life in France and Britain
- Classroom objects and instructions

*We will also learn some simple Latin*