

Autumn Term 2016– Year 4



THE GOLDEN EAGLES & THE HAWKS



Hadrian's Wall
is 84 miles long
and it took 14
years to build!

THE ROMANS ARE COMING

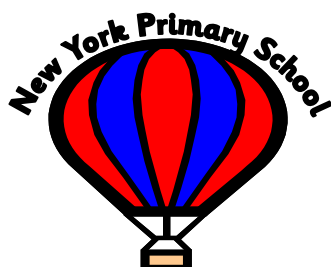
English

We are going to begin this term by looking at one of the most famous stories ever told! We will use Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet to help us to understand how to write an effective story opening.

Later in the term, we are going to develop our non-fiction writing by studying information texts about modern-day Italy. This work will link in with our history topic about the Roman invasions of Britain.

Computing

In Year 4 the children will begin the year by constructing repeated patterns using software such as PurpleMash. Children will safely explore the web for inspirational patterns (e.g. nature, fashion).



Mathematics

This term we will concentrate on improving the four number operations. We have begun the year by looking at place value but we will also improve our mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Later this term, we will investigate place value when linking our maths and topic work through Roman numerals. We will also make links to the Romans when we use our measuring skills to investigate how aqueducts worked in Ancient Rome.

History/Geography

Throughout the term, our creative curriculum will make links to our History topic of the Roman Empire and our Geography topic of modern-day Italy, and the children will have an opportunity to immerse themselves in Italian culture in our Italy day.

Music

Year 4 will be learning to play the recorder this year. To begin, we will look at the correct posture then we will learn the notes B, A and G.

Science

Our first science topic will be teeth, healthy eating and the digestive system. Later in the term we will look at the water cycle and how aqueducts helped bring water to the city of Rome.

French

"How are you?" "What is your name?" "Who is in your family?" are all conversations starters that we will learn in French.

Art/DT

We will learn how to use proportion to draw fearsome Celtic warriors.

PE

PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday. We will be playing football, hockey, rugby and we will be doing gymnastics.

RE

We will be learning about festivals and celebrations around the world, including the seven pillars of Islam.