Bursledon Federation

Year 4 Update – Autumn 1 2026

Here is an outline of the things we are going to be doing next term together…

English Reading: We will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit' and 'The Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman'

English Writing: We will be using 'Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit' to inspire our writing this term.

Maths: We will be starting off this term looking at number and place value followed by addition and subtraction.

Art: We will be designing and creating our own Roman Mosaics using tessellation

MFL: We will be learning French greetings 'Bonjour!'

Science: We are learning about sound and how it travels from our ear to our brain.

RE: We will be exploring the celebration of Hanukkah and the symbol of light.

PSHE: We will be exploring families and friendships, safe relationships and how to respect ourselves and others.

Music: Will be composing our own Roman inspired battle music

PE: We will be doing indoor athletics and basketball outside.

Computing – We are exploring computing devices, systems and networks.

History: We are learning about the Roman Empire and its lasting impact on Britain

DT – We will be designing, making and evaluating our own Roman chariots using wood, axles and wheels.

We will be visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace this half term to support our topic learning.

Weekly Home learning:

Please continue to read your reading book and an adult must record this in your reading diaries. We ask you to read with an adult at home at least 3x a week for 5 minutes. You will have a 'Learn to Read Book' in your book bag and a 'Love to read book' of your choice from the library. We will also

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be asking the children to engage with Times Tables Rockstars at least 3x a week for 5 minutes. The children are asked to take their spelling packs home whereby they should continue to practise their spellings from school at least 3x a week for 5 minutes.

Topic Home Learning:

This term, our theme is 'I Am Warrior!'. In school, the children will be learning about the Romans, exploring what life was like in Roman Britain, the role of Roman soldiers, and the impact the Romans had on Britain.

To support your child's learning at home, please choose **<u>one</u>** activity from the attached Home Learning Grid to complete together.

 shield **1. Design a Roman Shield** Research Roman shields (scuta) and create your own. **Include:** • A colourful design • Roman symbols or patterns (e.g. eagle, lightning bolt, laurel wreath) • Your Roman name written on it **Challenge:** Explain why you chose your colours and symbols.	 Roman soldier **2. Build a Roman Soldier's Equipment** Create a model of a Roman soldier's shield, helmet, or a section of a Roman fort using recycled materials, LEGO, cardboard, or other craft resources. **Include:** • Roman features and details • Accurate colours and decorations • Labels for key parts **Challenge:** Explain how your model would have been used in Roman times.	 facts **3. Create a Roman Fact File** Produce a poster or booklet full of interesting Roman facts. **Find out about:** • Where the Romans came from • What they ate • How they travelled • Roman homes • Roman jobs **Challenge:** Include five facts that might surprise your classmates.
 storyteller **4. Become a Roman Storyteller** Write a short adventure story set in Roman Britain. **Ideas:** • A Roman soldier arriving in Britain • Building a new Roman road • Discovering a hidden treasure • A journey along Hadrian's Wall	 cook **5. Cook Like a Roman** Research foods Romans may have eaten and help an adult make a simple Roman-inspired dish. **Examples:** • Flatbread • Honey cakes • Fruit salad	 museum **6. Make a Roman Museum Box** Fill a shoebox with objects representing Roman life. **Ideas:** • Coins • Jewellery • Mosaic patterns • Scrolls • Models or drawings of Roman villas

Challenge: Include powerful adjectives and dialogue.	• Vegetable stew **Include:** • A photograph or drawing • A short description of how you made it **Challenge:** Rate your meal out of 10 and explain why!	• Roman soldier equipment **Challenge:** Write labels explaining each artefact.

Due date: Thursday 8th October 2026

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing the children's fantastic work! 😊

PE Days:

Just a reminder that our PE Days are Tuesday and Wednesday, please bring your expected PE kit which is dark shorts or joggers (weather dependent), white t-shirt and your school jumper or cardigan.

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The school value we focus on in the Autumn term is Respect.

Respect - 'So in everything you do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7, verse 12

Important dates for your dairy:

Tuesday 2nd September - Inset Day
Wednesday 3rd September - First Day Back
Friday 11th September - Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip
Thursday 8th October - Topic Homework Due
Friday 9th October - Inset day.
Monday 12th - 16th October - Stubbington Residential and Woodland Week
Friday 23rd October - Roman Day (dress up)
Monday 26th October – Friday 31st October - Half Term

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