

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year in Year 4. The children have settled well into their new routines and are looking forward to the excitement of the end of term which will not only include our Christmas performance with Year 3 but also a block of 9 swimming lessons. There is still so much to look forward to!

In English we have been working hard to ensure that we use Every Time We Write rules in our writing. We have written in a range of formats including: diary entries, reports, letters and adverts.

In Maths lessons we have been focusing on place value skills and developing our use of formal written procedures. We have also been developing our recall of multiplication facts and their corresponding division facts. In recent lessons, we have been applying these skills by working on word problems.

During science lessons we made good use of school grounds for our investigations on habitats which included finding evidence of human impact on the environment. Art lessons have developed our sculpture skills using clay. We made a clay pot inspired by the work of Greyson Perry having sketched several Roman sculptures of busts and amphorae. In DT we are looking at food preparation and look forward to making our own pizza using a pastry base soon.

The highlights of our history topic of 'The Romans' was our history trip to Verulamium museum, seeing some of the amazing local history so close to our homes. Another highlight was when we practised Roman army formations and had our own battle using the fantastic shields the children had made as part of their home learning.

In geography, we have looked at the different climates around the world. We have located countries on a map and learnt to read climate graphs. We also compared the animal and plant life in different climates and thought about what makes their habitat ideal for their survival.

