

### Our PE this Half Term

PE will be on a Wednesday this half term where the children will be honing their basketball skills: refining their hand-eye coordination; communication through sport and spatial awareness.

Miss Moseley and Mr Nash will also be running various afterschool activities this half term. As there may be additional opportunities throughout the week, we ask that your child's PE kit be in school every day.

### Our Religious Education this Half Term

In RE this half term we will be focusing on the Jewish festival of Purim.

On Purim Jewish people celebrate the bravery of Queen Esther, a very smart Jewish woman who was married to a king, Ahashverosh. When Esther learned that Haman, who worked for the king, was plotting against the Jews, she summoned the courage to tell the king about Haman's evil plan and saved her people.

### How can you help at home?

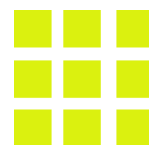
**Reading** - Please take time to read with your child at home. Sharing a book and your time is one of the most powerful things you can gift your child.

**Maths** - Times tables - please continue to practise as we need to know them all by the end of year 4.

**Theme** - What interesting information can you find out about Boudicca?

### Dates for your Diary

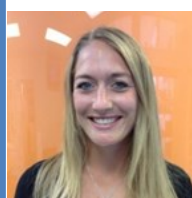
**Tuesday 11th February 2020** - Internet Safety Day.  
**Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb 2020** - HALF TERM.  
**Mon 2nd/Wed 4th March 2020** - Parents' Evenings.  
**Thursday 5th March 2020** - World Book Day - All children to dress as a bee!!



# Nine Acres Primary School Spring Term 1

## Year 4 Team

Mrs Barbour



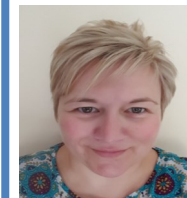
Mrs Mayes



Miss Shobbrook



Miss Palmer



### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!!

The ruthless Romans are back as we deepen our learning this half term, fully exploring how they left their mark here on the Isle of Wight. We have started off with a truly extraordinary experience - with a visit to Brading Villa, the Isle of Wight's hidden gem! Did you know that this is one of the finest Roman sites in the UK offering unique insight into Roman life in Britain.

These rotten Romans have really sparked enthusiasm in our children so please use this compilation of key terms, interesting facts and our core skills to share this passion with them.

Any questions or queries please either speak to your child's class teacher or leave a message with our lovely office team who will pass it on.

With thanks, Year 4 Team.

## Parent Information Leaflet



*'Striving for Excellence'*

# Year 4 - Spring Term 1 2020—I am Warrior!

## Important facts to know by the end of this topic:

- Julius Caesar was probably the best known Roman leader. He extended the empire by invading other lands.
- Boudicca was a queen of the British Celtic Icení Tribe who led an uprising against the occupying forces of the Roman Empire.
- When the Romans came to Britain they helped us by creating roads; a written language (which was Latin); introducing coins and even introducing rabbits to our country.
- The **Romans** occupied southern Britain, including the **Isle of Wight**, for nearly four hundred years.
- The Romans built no towns on the island, but it became an agricultural centre, and at least seven Roman villas are known.

## Key Skills

We will be using the skill of interpretation and looking at lots of different artefacts and asking the questions



What is this - found on the Island?  
What did it do?

Romans left their mark here and your child will be able to tell you what they were and whether this left a lasting impact.



Boudicca who? We will be deepening our knowledge of key Roman individuals and finding out just how important this Warrior Queen was in the fight against the Roman invasion.

## Key Vocabulary

**Centurion** - A commander of a group of 100 Roman soldiers.

**Emperor** - The Roman leader of the Roman Empire during the imperial period.

**Aqueduct** - A large system, like a bridge, for carrying water from one place to another is called an aqueduct.

**Gladiator** - A gladiator was an armed fighter who entertained audiences in the Roman Republic.

**Londinium** - This was the Roman name for London.

**Conquer** - To overcome and take control of people or land using military force.

**Invade** - Enter a place or land with the intention of occupying it.

## Our English this half term!

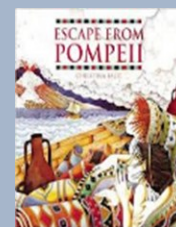
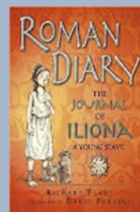
Our English work this half term will call upon our deep and passionate knowledge of the Romans as we write to persuade the local authority to keep the Romans in the curriculum, boost the tourism of our local gem (Brading Villa) and revisit our excellent suspense writing as the eruption of Pompeii hits.

### At Home you could:

Talks about which local landmarks you think are most important and why.

Write a letter to friends or relatives and talk about how letters are set out.

## Exciting Books we will be exploring too



## Our Mathematics this half term!

This half term we will be focusing on fractions and decimals.

### At home you could:

Let your child calculate with money.

Discuss fractions at dinner when food is shared.

Ask your child to calculate or guess your shopping total.

Download apps or games linked to fractions and decimals.