



A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FOUR

It has been a great start to 2026. We embraced the New Year with our new topic The Romans. On the first day back, children were 'conscripted' into the Roman army! We learned about a Roman soldier's equipment and clothing. We then practiced marching around the playground while following Latin marching orders.

In our Reading lessons, we have been reading Iliona, The Diary of a Roman Slave. This book has given us lots of information about what life was like to live in Roman times and we have also explored the issue of slavery. We wrote diary entries from the viewpoint of a different character in the book as well as the recount of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79CE.

In Geography, we have been applying our learning about states of matter to help us understand the Water Cycle. We set up these water cycle in-a-bag experiments, which let us see the processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation in our classrooms.

In history, we learned that Emperor Julius Caesar attempted to invade Brittania twice but failed. One hundred years later, Emperor Claudius was successful in his invasion. His focus was on the precious metals and slaves that would continue to make his Empire rich.

In Science, the children were very excited to learn about electrical circuits. We enjoyed testing whether materials are conductors or insulators.



... The Year 4 Team