

English

As a topic, the Romans produces lots of excellent opportunities for reading and writing! During our first half term, we will focus on a range of text types. These will include non-chronological reports, reading and retelling a Roman Myth (Romulus and Remus) and exploring diary entries.

During the second half term, we will focus on a new Roman Myth, giving the children an opportunity to compare the two they have learnt about. We will also create a short narrative, based on work around the text "Escape from Pompeii" by Christina Balit. We will also focus on writing high quality setting descriptions.

History / Geography

Our learning will focus on events beyond living memory that have had national and global significance. Important people from the Roman Age for example, Julius Caesar, Claudius, Hadrian and Boudicca will be studied in detail and their impact on the Roman Empire. We shall explore the legacies of Roman culture, including art, architecture and literature by looking at the daily lives of Romans during invasions and whilst settling. We will also focus on the Roman Army and their battle formations!

PE

During our PE lessons, we shall develop our use of equipment for a variety of sports including team and competitive games. We will apply attacking and defending skills where needed and more refined skills such as dribbling in hockey, passing in football and marking opponents in team sports.

Indoor PE will focus on gymnastics and dance. We will be encouraging ourselves and our peers to keep improving performance to achieve goals. We will also aim to use technology to review our performance and discuss how we can improve!

Romans Year 3

Science

This year we will continue to develop our skills of scientific enquiry through a variety of areas which will include Forces and Magnets. Following the Kent Scheme, we will participate in multiple experiments and investigations to deepen our understanding.

During the second half term children will begin to learn about electricity, where once again they will participate in fun and engaging lessons as we investigate a fundamental part our everyday lives! We are hoping to not only teach, but also inspire the children to be passionate about science.

Mathematics

In mathematics we will begin with work on Place Value which will underpin our learning for the rest of the year. Following this, our maths learning will help us to develop our skills in using written methods for addition and subtraction, developing the process of exchanging. We will apply our maths learning to the real world, which will help to develop the children's understanding of money, among other important life skills.

Our final unit will begin to focus on multiplication and division. This will coincide with the regular repetition of times tables, as we continue to build up their fluency in preparation for Year 4.

Art and Design

We will continue to develop our artistic skills this term by using a variety of materials and techniques. The Romans used mosaic design in many aspects of their life, both in their homes and to record their history. We shall explore the cultural importance of this area of design. We will look in to the design of Roman shields and armour, attempting to replicate this. Linking with our topic lessons, we will explore volcanoes, roman coins and sculpture, aiming to replicate and produce our own. We will also explore scratch art and pottery.

Computing

Programs we use will allow us to control or simulate characters by coding algorithms (sets of instructions) which will mean we shall need to work logically and with accuracy. An example of this is Scratch, which can be accessed for free online and on tablets, should you want to have extra practice outside of school. We will use a variety of input and output devices including the use of digital cameras for recording in project work, for example creating a video or animation of a retelling of a Roman Myth. Our understanding of computer and online safety will be covered in detail so that we are responsible.

Religious Education (RE)

This year we will be having a day dedicated to RE learning during each half term. During our first half term, we will focus on Diwali. We will explore the celebration and its history in detail, with plenty of engaging experiences!

During the second half term, we will focus on the celebration of Christmas in Christianity.

Music

We will link music learning to our Roman topic, by studying instruments used and the style of music created in that time. We will continue to work on developing composition of themed pieces by exploring a range of instruments as well as considering the rhythm and tempo of the sound.

