

English

This term we are looking at the book, 'Escape from Pompeii'. We will be immersing ourselves in the text before planning and writing our own alternate ending. Later in the term we will be writing our own autobiographies before creating biographies for famous Roman figures.

Children will read as part of a guided group once a week and will also have opportunities to read independently and as a pair. We will be continuing with our popular 'Book Buddies' sessions once a week where children enjoy sharing books and reading for pleasure. In our spelling sessions we will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 statutory word list whilst learning spelling rules and patterns.

Science

Initially we will be looking at animals, including humans. We will be looking at the digestive system, teeth and food chains. Later in the term we will be learning about light; how we see things, why it can be dangerous and how shadows are formed.

Religious Education

The children will be learning more about what being a Hindu in Britain is like. We will also be exploring Christianity and in particular the events of 'Good Friday' within the Easter story.

Art

The Explorers class will be making and creating mosaics, with an individual and collaborative class piece. The children will also be using ceramics to create Roman artifacts and making Roman shields to use during our 'Roman Soldier' day later in the term.

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The class will be exploring the Roman diet and cooking, creating and enjoying a Roman banquet.

Spirituality- The children will develop a greater understanding of the impact of a historical civilization and its influence on their life.

Stunning Start- Wow starter week- The children have been exploring the Roman Gods and Goddesses. We have also been creating Roman Mosaics.

Half Term Home Learning Project- Choose ONE of the following:

- Create a presentation on one of the Roman Gods.
- Make a model of a Roman building.
- Make a Roman helmet.

Fabulous Finish- We will be having a 'Share with the Parents' afternoon, details to follow.



What is the Romans impact on our lives?

Computing

The children will be developing their presentation skills and use of presentation software. We will be building on previous skills within Powerpoint (e.g. slide transitions, animating objects, creating hyperlinks and adding audio and video content). The children will also be learning to program and use algorithms.

Primary Modern Languages

The children will continue to build upon the vocabulary they have already learnt to expand their French understanding using songs and rhymes.

History

This term, we will be learning all about the Romans. To begin, we will investigate how Rome was founded and the leaders of the Roman Empire. We will then find out what life was like for Romans during invasions and whilst settling. The Explorers will also touch on the life of Boudicca and her Celtic tribe. Finally we will find out why the Romans are important to us and the legacy they have left behind.

Maths

Our learning will continue to focus on understanding and reasoning covering multiplication and division and measurement including length, perimeter, mass, capacity and area. The explorers will also become more confident in using fractions and understanding decimals. The children will continue to practice their times tables using our new times tables rock stars game.

Physical Education

In Tennis, the children will be visiting Tarka Tennis for the first half of this term to build upon their skills. We will be building up to match play, focusing on developing their forehand and backhand technique and rallying skills. After half term, we will be exploring movement through dance and gymnastics linked to our theme this term, using the leisure centre Dojo.

Music

With Mrs Long, the children will be learning to play the keyboard and focussing on percussion instruments. They will be creating Roman inspired music and practising their singing and formal notation skills.