

The Empire Strikes

Our overarching theme for this term is The Empire Strikes, encompassing a focus on the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain. We will be studying different aspects of Roman life and events that happened during this period of time such as the Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and the destruction this caused to Pompeii. We will look at the lives of Roman soldiers, the extent of the Empire and how it conquered parts of the Europe.

English

In all teaching and learning there will be a focus upon accurate spelling, grammar, neat presentation, joined handwriting and the acquisition of new vocabulary.

We will be writing a diary entry based on life as a charioteer, a narrative through the use of visual literacy, as well as an explanation text about Volcanoes in the style of a non-chronological report.

We will be reading informative texts and also *Circus Maximus Race to the Death* by Annelise Gray. Please sign your child's reading diary after hearing them read. We will hear your child read independently and in small guided reading groups. We ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to read regularly and access Bug Club at home too.

PSHE

We will be learning and developing our understanding of techniques and strategies to improve our emotional health and wellbeing, by learning how best to deal with our feelings. Later in the term, we will be learning about money matters; learning about banks, savings and interest and ways to pay.

RE

At the beginning of the Spring Term, we will be looking at why the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) matters to Muslims and the five pillars of Islam. Following this, we will then be looking at what we can learn from religion about temptation.

French

We will be learning useful conversational phrases within the topics of school trips and the environment.

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5 core Values

Express yourself, I see wonder, More than me, Rise to the challenge and Healthy body, Healthy mind.

SMSC

Children will understand consequences of behaviour and focus on the difference they can make in the community they live.

Mathematics

It will be important for pupils to know their times and division tables up to 12 x 12. There will be a focus on improving children's knowledge of times tables as we will be learning the formal written methods for multiplication and division. During the spring term, the majority of our learning will have a fractions focus, with children beginning to make links to decimals and percentages.

Please encourage your child to access MathShed and Times Table Rockstars at home to further support their learning.

Creative Arts

Art - We will be designing and making Roman inspired mosaics and working on our shading skills.

Design Technology - We will be designing and making Roman shields using a variety of materials to utilise in a Roman battle re-enactment.

Music - In the run up to our Easter assembly, we will be looking at rhythm and pitch and will practise and perform a variety of vocal pieces, which will form part of our performance.

ICT

e-Safety, Publishing and Programming

During the first half-term we will be looking at e-safety and how we can keep ourselves and others safe online. We will be publishing a non-chronological report about volcanoes using Microsoft Sway. In the second half-term, we will be using our coding skills to create our own Roman Empire.

Save the Date!

Year 5 Easter Assembly - Friday 22nd March 2024

Science

Animals including Humans

During this topic, we will study the different stages of human development and the various milestones that humans reach and achieve within the stages. We will look at how babies grow and develop and identify changes that occur during old age.

Living things and their habitats

Life cycles of animals from different classifications will be looked at during this topic and comparisons will be made to describe the differences between these cycles. We will also be describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

P.E

We will be continuing with swimming lessons on a Friday until February half-term, please ensure your child has the correct kit detailed on the letter sent in the autumn term. P.E lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has the correct indoor and outdoor kits in school at all times. This term we will be practising different styles of dance, linking movements in gymnastics, alongside the sports hockey and basketball.

Home Learning

Homework will be set on a Friday, to be returned by the following Friday. Longer projects may sometimes be set to complete and present. Spellings will be learnt at home and tested in school every Friday. Times tables will also be tested daily through Times Table Rockstars sheets, please ensure your child practises these in addition to any weekly homework.