

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 Pompeii. We will look at the lives of Roman soldiers and the extent of the Empire and its demise.

English

In all teaching and learning there will be a focus upon accurate spelling, grammar, neat presentation, joined handwriting and upon 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 a news report linked to Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and explanation texts about Volcanoes.

We will be reading informative texts and also *Circus Maximus Race to the Death* by Annelise Gray. Please sign your child's journal 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.

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 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 catapults using a variety of materials.

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.

Save the Date!

Year 5 Internet Safety Assembly - Thursday 10th February 2022

Year 5 Easter Assembly - Thursday 7th April 2022

P.E

P.E lessons will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday. 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, alongside the sports hockey and basketball.

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.

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 news report about Pompeii and the devastation caused by Mount Vesuvius. In the second half-term, we will be using our coding skills to create our own Roman Empire.

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.