

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 Mount 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 much of 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 *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 class and ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to read regularly and utilising programs like Reading Plus 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

Across the Spring Term, we look at how, when and why Christians pray, focusing on the Lord Prayers and using this for inspiration to create a prayer in order to reflect on what prayer means to us.

French

We will be learning useful conversational phrases that can be utilised in day-to-day scenarios, such as ordering items in shops, eating out in restaurants, prior to looking at hobbies and discussing what we like to do in our spare time.

The Empire Strikes!

Year 5 Spring Term 2025

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 chariots using a variety of materials.

Music - At the beginning of the Spring term, we will be exploring the pop ballad genre of music, before honing our knowledge on rhythm and pitch as part of our preparatory performances in our upcoming Easter assembly.

ICT

e-Safety, Databases and Video Production

During the first half-term, we will be looking at e-safety and how we can use databases to store significant amounts of information, manipulating them to refine searches through different search fields. Into Spring 2, children will start to look at video production and using a variety of technology to create versions of media.

Save the Date!

Year 5 Easter Assembly - Friday 11th April 2025

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 our Tuesday and Friday PE sessions this term, please ensure your child has the correct kit for these specified days as detailed on the letter sent out during the autumn term. A wide variety of sports and activities will be covered this term, including yoga, outdoor adventure activities, dance, linking movements in gymnastics, plus a focus on general overall fitness regimes.

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 practised daily through Times Table Rockstars, please ensure your child practises these in addition to any weekly homework that has been set.