

Literacy

We aim to take the children back in time to the Roman invasion of Britain. Through the use of literature and videos children will be inspired to write newspaper articles, adverts and recounts of roman events. We will also focus on debating moral issues of gladiators and slaves

Key skills which will be taught:-

Use of repetition to persuade

Indirect speech

Use of long and short sentences

Fronted adverbials

Embedded Clauses

Paragraphs

Introductions and Conclusions

Planning and editing their work

Key Value Compassion

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Reading

This term we will be reading a selection of **Roman Myths and Legends**, Roman newspaper articles and our class text will be a roman mystery 'The Secrets of Vesuvius'. Children will be taught reading within literacy lessons as well as daily focused reading sessions. They will be taught the skills of; comprehension, inference, text structure and organisation, language and themes using a variety of text styles and genres.

R.E.

The topics which will be covered are Belonging and Advent.

These topics will include looking at Baptism and Confirmation and the life of Sean Devereux. Advent will be focussing on the nativity and God's greatest gift-Jesus.

Our key value Compassion will be embedded throughout our work.

Science

Animals Including Humans

Through the dissection of Roman Poo, children will identify a Roman Soldiers diet. This will in turn lead to learning about nutrition and how certain foods benefit the body. Children will also look at skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

History / Geography

In history we will be studying the rise and fall of the Roman Empire; its impact on Britain (and Wallsend) Using google earth we will be locating and looking at key Roman sites as well as the Roman army and battles, we will be investigating life, culture, entertainment and language.

Maths

Where possible links to the Romans will be made.

Mental oral starters will focus on mental subtraction and addition, times table facts (multiplication and division)

Identifying different types of triangle e.g. scalene, isosceles and right angled.

Recognising lines of symmetry in shapes

Draw a reflection of a shape in a mirror line.

Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100

Multiplying together 3 numbers

Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions

Understand tenths and hundredths.

Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Coordinates in the first quadrant

Bar charts and time graphs

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) will be taught within literacy lessons and straight after lunch as a quick fire 15 minute activity. Skills covered will be—

Apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Inverted commas for speech

Use of colons

Spelling rules—suffix ation

Endings which sound like tion, sion, ssion, cian



Art / DT

We will be working with clay to make Roman artefacts, embedding their meaning into our key value of compassion. We will be making a mosaic using assorted coloured paper and card. We will be studying Italian artist Sandro Botticelli who painted pictures based on religion and ancient myths and legends. He also painted round pictures known as tondos and used gold decorative frames. We will also be using materials to construct a Christmas angel.



Computing

Real life algorithms and flow diagrams using Google Draw and Microsoft Publisher. Children will learn to break ideas down and present them in different ways other than writing. They will sequence and select information, and use repetition functions to create diagrams. Children will detect and correct their own errors.

P.E.

The children will have the opportunity to have a two week intensive swimming course this half term. Children will swim everyday for two weeks starting on Monday 23rd November.

PSHCE

We will be using dilemmas from Roman myths and current issues to debate the idea of 'compassion'.

We will be talking about being a good neighbour, putting on the right attitude, having the courage to care, standing in someone else's shoes, and recognising when friends need us to act or listen.

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Extra Curricular Opportunities

Please see website for a list of current extra curricular opportunities.

Music

Children will be continuing with their trumpet music tuition with Mr Milner for the rest of the year.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Great North Museum—skeleton workshop with links to Science as well as Roman artefacts and replica Hadrian's Wall.

Segedunum Wallsend—a fort which housed 300 Roman soldiers who protected Hadrian's Wall.

Homework

One piece of homework will be sent out on a Thursday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday. The homework will be reading, writing or maths. In most instances, it will always be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning. Homework may also link into this term's key value of compassion.

Useful websites

<http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/>
<http://www.maths-games.org/>
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/engindex.html>

