

Roman Around - Year Three Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1 2024

Article 28 and 29 You have the right to a good quality education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



Topic (History)

As the Autumn term ends, so does our Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age topic. Fortunately, the children's learning will pick up right where we left off, in AD 43, which signalled both the end of the Iron age and the start of Roman rule in Britain. The children will be learning about the Roman invasion and the Roman's lasting impact on Britain. To celebrate the start of our new topic, we are asking the **children to attend school in Ancient Roman costumes** on our hook day on 5/1/24. We are very excited to have visitors from Past Presents in for our hook day this year who will re-enact events from Ancient Roman times.

Maths

We will be beginning this half term by focusing on using money, embedding our earlier addition and subtraction skills. We will then spend the rest of the term on multiplication, continuing to consolidate our 3s, 4s and 8s and also learning to multiply 2-digit numbers.

Science Year 3 will be learning about forces and magnets. The children will investigate different materials and their properties, as well as plan and carry out an investigations about magnets and friction.

PSHE This half term's PSHE lessons focus on the children's dreams and goals, how to realise them and overcome obstacles along the way.

English

Year 3 will be exploring Roman myths and Gods by writing a Roman myth inspired wishing tale, focusing on detailed character descriptions. As well as this, they will be imagining what it was like to live as an Ancient Roman by writing a diary as someone from the time.

PE In indoor PE, the children will be applying their gymnastic skills developed in the Autumn term to dance. By the end of the half term, the children will have created a short dance. routine to music.

Music In music, the children will be broadening their knowledge of music from around the world by learning some traditional music from India.

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in the **following Wednesday** on Atom Learning. If your child does not have access to a phone, tablet or computer to complete this on, please let your child's teacher know. We would also like to ask that the children complete 10 minutes on TTRockstars 3 times a week. Weekly spellings are set on a **Friday** in the children's spelling books and diaries, with **homework to be completed** in their pink spelling books. These are to be completed ready for the **following Thursday**.

Reading

The children will be delving deeper into both fiction and non-fiction texts. They will continue to develop their fact retrieval skills on non-fiction texts about the Romans and will be reading *The Journal of Iliona, Young Slave* to examine characters' thoughts and feelings.

Recommended reads: If your child is enjoying our topic, try *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balitt.

French This half term, the children will be learning how to recite the numbers 1-10 as well as how to say key family members.

DT We will be designing and making catapults using wood and everyday materials. The children will then take part in a competition to see whose catapult can fire a small object furthest.

Computing The children will be using J2Bloggy to create a class webpage all about the Romans, learning how to select and import photos as well as resize and position them.

RE Year 3 will develop their knowledge of Christianity by learning about the New Testament and the miracles performed by Jesus.

Home learning

Choose an aspect of Ancient Roman history that interests you and research it. Decide on an interesting way to present this information to the class.

Please bring home learning in to school between **Monday 29th January— Friday 2nd February**.

