

Year 3 Spring Term 1

This term our theme is: 'The Ruling Romans!'

Brief Synopsis of Theme

Our theme will be the Romans. We will learning briefly about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain including Boudicca and the Roman Legacy.

Strong Link to Theme

In **History** our theme is Romans. We will be learning about how people in the past, like the Celts and the Romans, invaded Britain and the impact it had. We will look at how people settled in Britain and how they lived. We will learn about the Roman Empire and British resistance including Boudicca. In **Geography** we will be developing our atlas skills by learning about the different countries that were part of the Roman Empire. We will learn about volcanoes and in particular Vesuvius and its destruction of Pompeii. We will also look at types of settlements during this period. In **Art** we will be looking at Roman architecture and mosaics. We will be developing our sketching skills to create our own mosaic artwork. In **DT** we will be making papier-mâché volcanoes.



Special events/ visits/ visitors/ special outcomes.
Art week - Roman inspired.
Colchester Castle visit (Spring 2 - Friday 1st March)

Literacy Links

In **English** we will be looking at a range of Myths and Legends as well as using dictionaries, reference books and text books to support our research about the Romans. We will be continuing to focus on sentence structure and punctuation as well as the use of conjunctions and interesting sentence starters. In grammar we will be looking at the use of fronted adverbials and relative clauses. We will be learning how to structure a text based on the Myths and Legends genre.

Numeracy Links

In **Maths** we will be developing our number skills. We will be focusing on the four operations, problem solving and using and applying. Children will have the opportunity to continue to use Times Table Rock Stars on the iPads.

Discrete / unlinked subjects

In **French** we will be developing our conversational skills. In **Computing** we will be 'opinion posters' and conduct surveys and present the findings as a range of graphs and charts. In **RE** we will be learning about the features of a church. In **PSHE** we will be learning about citizenship and in particular family and friends and working together. In **PE** we will be taking part in an Intra house Basketball competition. In addition we will also be taking part in dance and circuit training. In **Science** our theme will be to learn about rocks and soils. In **Music** we will be learning to play the recorder.

Requests or Reminders to Parents

Please ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor PE kit in school each week, especially trainers and outdoor warm joggers and a top.

To support your child you could - ensure they have a healthy snack and water bottle with fresh water every day. Children learn better when they are hydrated and full of fuel! Ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name on it as one purple jumper looks the same as the next. Please hear you child read as regularly as possible and record this in their home and school book. This will help them progress along the reading race as well as practise their reading skills. Please support your child as needed with their homework and help them practise their spellings and tables. We thank you for your continued support.