



## The Romans Rock!

Year 3

Spring Term 2021

### Rationale for Learning

This term we will be learning how archaeologists learn about the past by finding evidence and building up a picture through the artefacts that they find.

### Suggested activities for families to help support learning

Keep practising the times tables, learn to tell the time, count out different amounts of money, add them together and work out the change given.

Join in with the homework task and assist your child to find out the information about different Roman words and their origins.

Encourage your child to read as often as possible and to take the accelerated reader quizzes as often as possible.

### Key Vocabulary:

Children should be familiar with the Year 3-4 spelling lists and encouraged to learn to spell and use as many as possible.

### Reminders

PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Both will be outside as much as possible so please ensure your child has warm outdoor clothing and appropriate footwear.



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#### **Mathematics**

Taking a close look at fractions and finding out all about them.

We will be adding and subtracting fractions as well as finding fractions of numbers and shapes.

We will be focussing on the formal written methods of addition and subtraction.

And of course a look at Roman numerals!

#### **English**

A focus on the book *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit will be the main focus to inspire us to write stories with roman characters in different settings.

A study of volcanoes in the second half term will be the inspiration for some poetry writing, performing and presenting.

#### **PSHCE**

How I have changed and will change. What differences are there from myself as a newborn baby, a toddler, now and as an adult.

#### **Art**

Roman vases, Roman numerals, Laurel wreaths and mosaics, with clay pots, soldiers, shields, catapults and all things roman will take us through most of the art lessons. A focus on the work of the artist Margaret Godfrey will be the inspiration for our work on volcanoes.



#### **History**

We will be looking at the birth of Rome through its empire days focussing on Invasion, the army, Hadrian's Wall and Queen Boudicca.

We will be finding out what archaeologists do, studying mosaics, Roman roads, Roman music and finding out about Roman Gods.

#### **French**

All about France.

French greetings such as my name, days of the week numbers and colours.

Animals in French.

#### **Computing**

Old school ICT with the children learning how to use Microsoft Word and Powerpoint to create presentations of facts that they have learned about the Romans. Including searching for facts and safe use of the internet.

#### **RE**

This term's RE focus is based on The Easter Story and the events leading up to the crucifixion and the different traditions that surround these dates.

#### **Science**

Studying Rocks and Soils.

What are they? How are they formed? Where are they found? How hard/soft are they?

Volcanoes.

Volcanic eruptions, how and why they occur. Creating mini volcanic experiments carrying out fair test. Learning the skills of carrying out an experiment.

#### **Music**

Simple roman musical instruments and how they were played.