

## When in Rome

This half-term's topic is the Romans. We will explore many aspects of Roman life including the influence and spread of the Roman Empire and its legacies for us today.

In Literacy we will be:

- Reading, sorting and interpreting information text.
- Structuring and writing non-fiction information texts.
- Developing creative story writing including setting, character and structure, using a story mountain.
- Writing a persuasive speech.
- Writing an 'eyewitness account', from the perspective of a Roman soldier, of the Easter story.
- As well as these specific activities, we will continue to develop our grammar and writing skills, using new strategies and practising ones we already use, to improve and extend our sentences, paragraphs and the quality of our work.

In Numeracy we will be:

- Using fractions, decimals and percentages, and converting between these.
- Exploring time, using an analogue clock, including Roman numerals from I to XII
- Practising our arithmetic (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing).
- Solving word problems, including multi-step, learning and using a range of strategies.
- Measuring weight and mass.
- Investigating angles and coordinates.

Our Science work will include work on light and sound, linking to art and music projects respectively.

In ICT we will be developing our use of both laptops and iPads to increase confidence and familiarity with a range of programmes, applications, appropriate web pages and online sites (such as 'Hit the button' or 'TT Rockstars').

In Art we will use a range of creative media to construct 'artefacts' and to illustrate our exploration of the romans. These will include work in the media of pencil, paint, fabric and some 3D work.

In Music we will develop our singing and listening skills. We will explore the musical elements and also a range of styles from across the world.

In Design Technology we will be:

- Working through the steps to design and make a product.
- Evaluating Products.
- Designing our own.
- Producing final designs.
- Making and evaluating.

In Geography we will be exploring the spread of the Roman Empire, relating this to physical features and the issues these would have created, and the political map of Europe today.

In History we will be investigating the influence of the Roman empire with particular reference to the invasion of Britain:

- The Invasion.
- Roman Roads.
- Boudicca's Rebellion.
- Hadrian's Wall.
- Gods and Goddesses.
- Roman Baths.

In RE we will look at:

- Covenants and promises; Value, trust and consequences.
- Lent and Easter; The stories and the legacy of the momentous events.
- We continue to have two PE lessons a week and for this half term they will be swimming and hockey.

If you were able to find time to visit, Lincoln has a Roman trail, details of which are available on the link below.

<https://www.visitlincoln.com/trails/roman-heritage-trail-of-lincoln>