

## Year 3 Roman Day

Last year, Year 3 took part in an exciting and educational Roman day with Past Presents. With the knowledgeable presenters and their class teachers, they learned about Roman life, jobs and even experienced life as a soldier. This was all essential knowledge for their topic. This day, which involved drama and dressing up, was a great addition to their learning.

The children learnt how to be Roman soldiers, completing training which included spear throwing and formations. First, they learnt how to attack and defend themselves using spears. Next, the prospective soldiers, who were just children dressed up, learnt how to use their shields to create a formation called the tortoise shell. Some children even had the chance to ride horses, although they were not real ones, around the hall. "I didn't realise the Roman army were so organised and efficient!" exclaimed one Year 3 child from 3P.

In the classrooms, the children learnt about real life objects and jobs. In one room, they were able to look at some replica artefacts, such as a toilet and children's games, in order to find out about how the Romans lived their lives. "I didn't think toilets had been invented by then," declared a young boy dressed as a Roman soldier. As well as the artefacts, the children had to try to guess the Roman jobs from the objects on the table. Most children quickly guessed that the barley represented a baker but took longer to decide that the pen and ink pot were for a clerk.

At the end of the day, all the children came together to watch a big gladiator fight, between Miss Phillips and Miss Kellock, in the Colosseum. Ultimately, Miss Kellock lost and all the children cheered. Overall, everyone had a fantastic day and many facts were learnt. The children knew lots of information which they could then use in their classwork.