

Topic (History)



For our history lessons this half term, the children will be building on their understanding of the chronology of Britain's 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 **Friday 7th January**. During our hook day, the children will try their hand at writing in Latin, act out being in the Roman Army along with plenty of historical learning!

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

Maths

The children will continue to develop their skills in using the four operations. They will apply their knowledge to various problems and tasks. Please keep practising those times tables whenever you can!

English

Year 3 will be exploring Roman myths and Gods by writing character and setting descriptions. As well as this, they will be imagining what it was like to live as a Roman by writing a diary as someone from the time.

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.

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 investigation about magnets.

PE In indoor PE, the children will be applying their gymnastic skills that were 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.

French This half term, the children will learn the numbers up to 31, the months of the year and how to ask and answer the question, "When were you born?" in French.

Computing The children will be using J2Bloggy to create a class webpage all about their school to share with Year 2 children and get them excited about their coming to junior school.

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

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

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.

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

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in the **following Wednesday**.

Maths Homework is set on mymaths.co.uk.

We would also like to ask that the children complete 10 minutes on TTRockstars each day.

Weekly spellings are set on a **Monday** in the children's spelling books and diaries, ready for a spelling test on the **following Monday**.



Home Learning

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

More information will follow in January!