

Year 4
Autumn term 2023
Curriculum Newsletter

Roamin' Romans



Throughout our history lessons, we will be learning about the Roman Empire's growth and eventual decline. We shall focus on specific Roman emperors, their invasions of Britain and the resistance that they faced. We will also focus on their religion and the importance of historical artefacts.

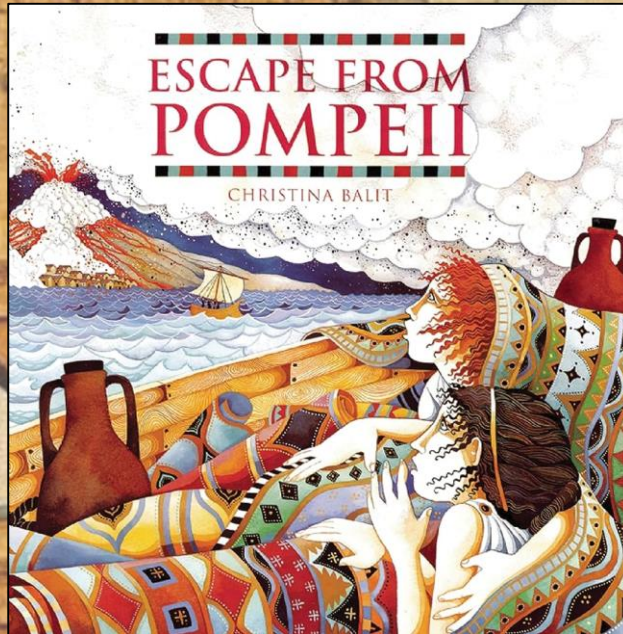
In the second half term, we will move onto Geography, where we will focus on environmental regions. This will include looking at countries that were a part of the Roman Empire as well as countries and continents further afield, such as North America.



Science lessons will focus on exploring the different states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) through a range of experiments and investigations. We will then move on to look at the water cycle.

In Computing lessons this term, we will be exploring aspects of online safety, creating multi-level games in Scratch and becoming more familiar with the Google Classroom.

English lessons will initially be based on the thrilling book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. Using the text as inspiration, we will be writing our own volcano descriptions, exciting, tense scenes and diary entries from the lead character's perspective. Following this, we will then move on to explore a range of non-fiction texts and Roman Myths. We will spend some time looking at the Roman 'Warrior Queen' – Boudicca.



In French lessons, we will be learning how to read and write the following: numbers in French to 20, different rooms in schools and nouns in classrooms.

Religious Education lessons we will be learning about what makes an inspirational person 'inspirational' and some key individuals that we believe fit this definition.

To begin the year, we will be focusing on our place value understanding of numbers up to 10,000 before progressing on to written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers to 10,000. Alongside these lessons, we will be working to secure our knowledge and recall of times tables facts (and the related division facts).

PE during the first half of the autumn term will focus on developing our gymnastic abilities and taking part in some Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA). In the second half term, we will move onto fitness and tag rugby.

Take Home Tasks

You can either bring these projects into class to show your classmates or upload a photograph to the Google class stream.

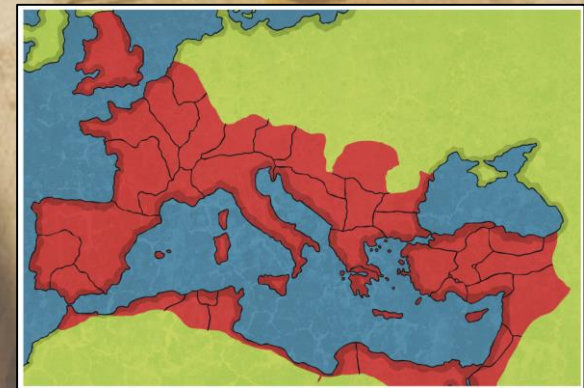
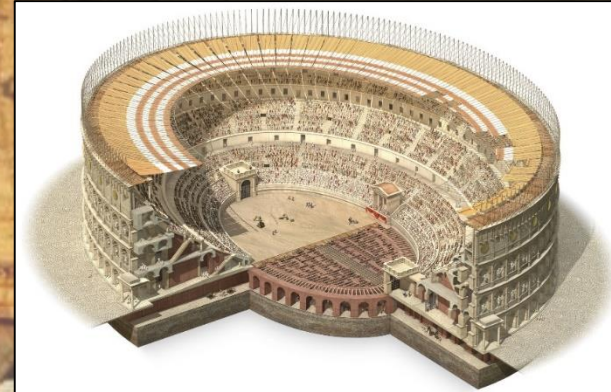
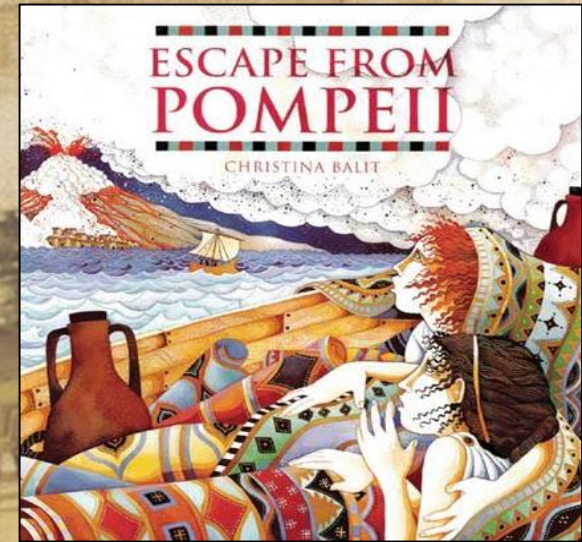
DESIGN and MAKE - ART, DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AND MATHS

- Make a model of the Colosseum in Rome. You could use paper mache, cardboard- basically anything!
- Research ancient Roman recipes. Plan a three course meal or even try to prepare a meal.
- Create a mosaic picture or pattern.
- Create a maths based game using Roman numerals.

RESEARCH- HISTORY, SCIENCE AND ENGLISH

- Research volcanoes. How are they formed? Where are they found? Why do they erupt? Maybe make a model of an exploding volcano.
- How were slaves treated in Roman times? What were they used for? Write a diary entry as a slave and try to depict what their daily routine was like.
- Research the role of women in the Roman Empire.
- Research how the Romans managed to communicate across their vast empire.

If you have any other ideas for tasks, please feel free to be imaginative- we always love seeing what pupils have created.



Fortnightly home learning tasks

Children will be set fortnightly home learning tasks which they will be expected to complete by the following Wednesday. These will comprise of a spelling task, a maths task and an English based task, which may have a reading focus or a creative writing focus. We are attempting to develop pupil resilience and encourage them to take risks so even if they are unsure of an answer, we would like them to make an attempt. These tasks may be completed in the Google Classroom or on paper.

Take Home Tasks

A sheet of suggested take home tasks is included. Children can choose an activity from these to complete alongside their home learning. During this term, please try to encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks as possible in an imaginative way. These tasks are designed to be family projects where all members of the family can get involved with bringing our current topic to life at home. We would suggest that you try to complete at least two of these tasks during the term.

You could also come up with ideas of your own.

The tasks can be completed/uploaded in the Google Classroom if you wish.

Thank you ever so much for your continued help and support with your child's learning.

PE will take place on the following days (please wear your PE kit to school on these days):

4 Blue: Tuesday and Friday

4 Red: Tuesday and Thursday

4 Green: Thursday and Friday

4 Yellow: Tuesday and Thursday



School Term Dates 2023-24

	September 2023					October 2023					November 2023					December 2023				
Monday	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31

	January 2024					February 2024					March 2024					April 2024				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	

	May 2024					June 2024					July 2024					August 2024				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
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Key

Bank holidays (see details below)

School holidays

INSET day for most pupils

(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

First day of term for pupils

Last day of term

Bank holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2023
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2023
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2024
Good Friday	Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2024

Number of days (total requirement 195)

Autumn 1 st half	36
Autumn 2 nd half	35
Spring 1 st half	29
Spring 2 nd half	29
Summer 1 st half	29
Summer 2 nd half	37
TOTAL	195 days
	(includes 5 INSET days)