

Writing:

Explore the history of Rome and discover what it would've been like to live during this time. Travel back in time for our Portal Stories unit to a Colosseum full of gruesome Gladiators.

Use these experiences to write their own portal story adventures focussing on the technical vocabulary they have gathered whilst researching the Romans.

Reading:

Experience what it was like to live as a slave by reading Roman Diary – the Journey of Iliona.

D&T and Art

Go on a virtual tour of Rome and visit the famous Colosseum. Imagine they are part of the audience and sketch what they can see.

Observe mosaics found in Ancient Rome and study the intrinsic detailing and colour.

Use these ideas to design, create and evaluate their own mosaic tile ready to present to their grown ups during parent afternoon.

Engage:

I am Warrior! I am strong, brave and powerful. Meet me in battle. Draw your sword, wield your axe and challenge me if you dare!

An invitation has arrived to ask children to join the best army there will ever be, the Roman Army! Consider the benefits and the negatives of joining the army at such a young age.

This is what we'll be learning this half term...



Innovate:

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears! I, Claudius Emperor of Rome, seek you to join my legion of superior soldiers. Enrol with your sword and shield ready for battle.

Children will create their own Roman persona and experience the life of a Roman soldier through drama.

Maths:

Revise telling the time on an analogue clock and move on to telling the time to 24hours using a digital clock.

Computing:

Master typing skills ready to present their portal stories. Create a PowerPoint presentation on all things Rome.

Science:

Use enquiry skills to plan, do and review an experiment based on how the Romans used dye to colour their materials.

RE

Investigate how rituals are significant in religion. Discuss the importance of the Paschal candle in Christianity.

PSHE:

Decide on what makes a healthy lifestyle considering their diet, attitudes and mind-set.

Music:

Practise and perform roman marching to music.

PE

Study the art of battle formation in the Roman Army.

Things to explore with your child...

PE: Our PE days are Monday and Friday.

Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing as the colder weather approaches.

Creative Zone:

During this half-term the children will be travelling back in time to visit Rome.

We will be joining a legion of strong, Roman soldiers so why not help them make their own cassis, helmet, at home ready to protect them from invaders.

Bring these to school in the last week of term to wear during our own invasion on the playground.

We always encourage children to bring in any learning they have completed at home. We love to see their models, writing and revision so please bring them in so we can share their successes across the year group.

Reading:

As a school, we are focussing on the children's love for reading as this enhances their learning in school. Although many children regularly bring in their passports, this is outweighed by the number of children who are not reading at home or are not completing their passports. Please encourage your children to read at home as this will be our key focus and we will monitoring and discussing further during parents evening.

Maths:

Our main maths learning during this half term will be telling the time so please use every opportunity to practise this with your child at home.

We will be introducing Times Tables Rockstars, an online learning tool, to help develop their knowledge. We will continue to test them regularly.

Writing:

Spend time researching Roman history and identify technical vocabulary they can use in their writing. The particular focus for their final piece of writing will be battles.

Dates and other important information:

Roman theatre visitors in school –

25th March. Children can come to school wearing appropriate, Roman attire (Toga)

Parents evening –

26th and 27th March. You will receive information on how to book an appointment shortly.

Remember to purchase the home learning books from the office, especially if your child attends homework club as this will be their homework.