

English

We will begin our half term by looking at stories with historical settings. We will read a variety of short stories before focusing on 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will consider the different features of these stories, before investigating characters and the settings. Once we have completed this topic, we will move on to looking at the features of a newspaper before writing our own Roman newspaper article. In addition, there will be a big focus on learning different aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

History

Our history topic will aim to answer the question: 'Why were the Romans so powerful and what did we learn from them?' We will start this term by placing the Roman's on a timeline and investigating key events and important people including Boudicca and Julius Caesar. We will then research the legacy of the Romans and how they influenced our lives today.

Maths

This term the children will be working on 'Number'. This will include place value, ordering numbers and rounding numbers. Children will also focus on using and applying addition and subtraction methods, which will include both mental and written strategies.

They will continue to learn their times tables with this year's focus on: 6, 7, 8 and 9 times table, and the corresponding division facts. We will recap all the previously taught times tables too. Children will be tested once a week during PPA on the times tables they are working on.

R.E

This term we will explore Sikhism and find out who the Sikhs are and what they believe. We will be focusing on celebrating special occasions. We will look at how Sikhs celebrate births, weddings and other special occasions.

Music

This year we will be learning to sing the ABBA song 'Mamma Mia' where we will be recognising pitch and pulse.

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PE

This half term we will be focusing on Roman Dance. Please ensure your child brings a pumps/trainers every Wednesday.

PSHE

We will have a special mindfulness afternoon every Wednesday. The topic this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will explore roles, responsibilities and how their actions affect others. Children will learn what democracy is and about school councillors.

Science

This term we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will be classifying materials into solids, liquids and gasses and researching Joseph Priestley and his invention. We will investigate how materials can change state through experiments and investigating 'Where do puddles go?' By the end of the topic we will be making our own 'mini world in a cup' exploring how the water cycle works.

Computing:

This term we will be learning all about the internet through our new topic 'Computer Systems and Networks'. We will explore the different components of a network and how they connect, looking at how we manage to communicate on the internet.

Design and technology

This term the children will become architects. They will use the Serpentine Pavilion in Hyde Park as their inspiration and by the end of the term they will have designed their own pavilion for Walton Hall Park.

Remember a water bottle and a healthy snack for playtime.