

What happened when the Romans came to Britain?

Year 5 – Miss Bolton and Miss King

In this unit, the children will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain and its impact on the lives of the Celts. They will consider whether the Roman settlement was a positive experience for all involved, and explore the long-term legacy of the invasion. They will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the topic, including visual sources of artefacts (the Vindolanda Tablets) and archaeological sites (Hadrian's Wall). The children will analyse written sources from writers such as Tacitus and Dio Cassius and consider why they interpreted events as they did.

Key Vocabulary

Invade, invasion, conquer, republic, empire, emperor, status, glory, barbaric, legacy, resistance, primary evidence, interpretations, conquer, client kings, centurion, tablet, Picts, heritage, forts, garrisons, camber, groma, impact, transport system, positive, negative, significant, representation, interpretation, legions, legionaries, auxiliaries, testudo, centurion, names of uniform and equipment.

Prior Knowledge

The children will make links to the Bronze Age and Iron Age History topics covered earlier in Key Stage 2.

Next terms class text is *The Thieves of Ostia* by Caroline Lawrence. The children will be using this text to write a mystery and suspense narrative along with a newspaper report. Within their writing, they will be looking to use grammatical features such as relative clauses and parenthesis.



Within Maths, the children started by looking at place value. They are now covering addition and subtraction, where they are looking at using mental and written methods.

Please continue to encourage your children to access TTRockstars and Mathletics at home, as this will further develop the learning in preparation for Year 5.



Below is what the children will be learning in other foundation subjects:

Science – Properties and changes of materials

Art – Collages

PSHE – Being me in my world

RE – Hinduism and Hindu's beliefs

PE – Basketball and Football (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Computing – Why we collaborate online

Home Learning

Over the holidays, it would be great if you could attempt one or more of the project home works below:

- Create a Roman Mosaic
- Research Roman place names
- Create models of Roman roads, aqueducts, catapults (trebuchet), writing tablets
- Find out about Roman buildings and design or create one
- Research the Roman calendar and numerals
- Find out facts about the Roman Gladiators
- Research the Roman Gods and Goddesses

Pre topic learning

Watch and makes notes from the websites and videos below, which will support your knowledge and understanding of the learning that will take place next term.

Ancient Rome - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tClxdOsC_JY

BBC Roman Voices videos –
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-roman-voices/zdy32sg>

The Roman Empire –
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8>

A selection of online learning based around the Romans –
https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/british_history/_roman_britain/roman_britain.html