

How Far Can Your Imagination Rome?



Happy New Year and Welcome back! I hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed your Christmas and are delighted to be back to normality! We are travelling back through ancient history on an exciting journey of discovery of Roman Britain, in our topic called... *How Far Can Your Imagination Rome?*

We will be linking our community with the work that we do in school through our Come and See topics.

Our journey in faith will be developed with the themes of **Community, Giving and Receiving, and Self-Discipline.**

We will also be looking at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem which will be celebrated by our class.

During this time, we will also be discovering more about the Jewish faith.

**Come and See
Topics this term:
Community
Giving and Receiving
Self-Discipline**



Our topic continues the *Time to Imagine, Invent and Inspire* theme as we discover all about Roman Britain; How the Romans invaded Britain, failed at first but persevered and succeeded, how they settled here and what legacy they left. Our cross-curricular topic will enable us to incorporate many themes into this imagination grabbing topic. We will be examining and analysing many different types of texts in English, and using good models of writing to inspire us to create our own. To help enhance our Speaking and Listening skills we will participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role-play, improvisations & debate, with a ruthless Roman twist!

In Science we will study skeletons and nutrition. We will also concentrate on Forces and link this with our work in DT, in which we will research, investigate, design and make our own Roman chariots. We are also going to research Roman Food and make our own bread!

In Computing we will use programming skills to create work related to our topic. P.E will be swimming, as well as dance and tennis classes! We are going to learn some Roman army drills – which will also incorporate some of our music in aiding our visualisation of an invading army! We will continue to build up a bank of French phrases and improve our fluency.

Art will give us the opportunity to develop our observational drawing skills as we will be examining Roman artefacts. We'll also create mosaics and 3-D sculptures. Through History & Geography we will deepen our understanding of timelines and changes in Britain, from Invaders to Settlers. We will also be making a study of a local river.

Year 4

Spring 2017

Dates for your diary:

- 11th January: Ten Ten Theatre Visitors 9am (parents welcome)
- 13th January: Talent Show Auditions
- 20th January: International Evening 6pm
- 25th January: KS2 Talent Show 1.30pm
- 2nd February Y4 Class Mass
- 9th February: Musical Evening
- 10th February: INSET Day
- 13th February Half-Term**
- 7th March: KS2 Liturgy
- 10th March: Service of Reconciliation Y4-6, 9:30am
- 14th March: **Parent Consultations** 4- 7pm
- 15th March: **Parent Consultations** 1.30 - 3.30pm
- 28th March: **Y4 Entry into Jerusalem**
- 29th March: KS2 Liturgy

How you can help?

There will still be reading, spellings and number facts homework every week. Your child will write details in their diary on the day the homework is set. There could be follow-up research in other areas if appropriate.

Please check the diary regularly and encourage your child to complete the tasks set. Encourage your child to read regularly, and explain what they understand from the text. Please make sure your child has their **swimming kit and P.E. kit** (black shorts, white tee-shirt and trainers or plimsolls) in school on **Mondays**. PE kit should stay in school all week. We are attending Clifton Leisure Centre **every Monday** for swimming lessons, so a towel, cap and appropriate swimwear is required (*no bikinis or baggy shorts with pockets please*). Please write a note if your child needs to wear goggles.

Please remove earrings on Mondays (Swimming) and Fridays (Dance)

Please check the **Year 4 blog page** for updates & to see what we are doing in class. Support your child in blogging & posting comments, please ensure they **only** use their first name and their school email address. Comments will not appear instantly as they have to be approved, you should just be given a confirmation that the comment is pending approval.

If you have any spare time and feel you could offer some specialist skills to enhance our learning this term, we'd love to hear from you! Another amazing and creative term to look forward to, if you have any queries please feel free to ask. Thank you for your continued support, my door is always open if you need to reach me.

Miss Courtney

Why not go to the library and choose some topic books about the Romans to read?

Access to the Internet? Try these Roman games:
www.bbc.co.uk.schools/primaryhistory/romans

www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/roman/s/launch_gms_deathrome.html

Write on the school blog

Blog address:

brwacademy.com



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