

CURRICULUM FOCUS

Autumn 2021

Year Group: Year 3



Topic Title: Rotten Romans

Aspects to be taught: Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Rotten Romans

- Our topic will be based on the civilisation of Ancient Rome. We will be looking at Roman emperors, roman buildings and customs, some key events in Roman History and how the Romans have influenced Britain as we know it today.
- In our English lessons, we will be looking at "Escape from Pompeii" by Christina Balit. We will be using this text to write a setting description and a newspaper article. We will also be looking at 'The Journal of Iliona (A young Slave) to write diary entries. Finally, we will be reading and learning the Roman myth 'Romulus and Remus' and using this to write play scripts and our own myths.
- In Maths, our first topic will be Place Value. We will be learning the value of each digit in a three-digit number, ordering, comparing and partitioning 3-digit numbers, finding 1, 10 or 100 more/less than a three-digit number, counting to 50s and 100s, estimating where numbers go on a number line and learning how to recognise numbers up to 1000.
- In Computing, we will be learning how to Code using Purple Mash. During our computing sessions we will be learning the key vocabulary associated with coding, learning how to create a debug programmes and learning the functions of different elements within a coding activity.
- In RE, our focus is Hinduism. During this unit, we will be learning about: the origin of Hinduism and its main beliefs; Hindu Gods and Deities; the concept of reincarnation; Hindu places of worship; the holy book and the main festivals include Diwali.
- In Science, our topic will be: Light. In our science lessons, we will be learning about: different sources of light; that darkness is the absence of light; how light is reflected; how shadows are formed; how the sun works as a light source; how sundials work; how shadows change at different times of the day.
- In Geography, we will be focussing on the country of Italy and the city of Rome. In particular, we will look at: locating Italy and then Rome on a map; investigating what life in Italy is like; exploring what Rome is like as a holiday destination and comparing the Geography of Italy and Britain.
- In History, we will be learning about: How the Romans tried to invade Britain; how and why the Romans invented Roads; the role of Boudicca in the Roman era; Hadrian's Wall and its link to the Romans; Roman Gods and Goddesses; the significance of Roman baths; life in Ancient Rome and the Roman army.
- **Our PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school in their full PE kit (including trainers/plimsolls) on these days.**
- Our PSHE focus will be Beginning and Belonging. During these lessons; we will be: thinking about what helps to shape our identity; considering ways in which we can express our identity; the think about how we can show tolerance to the differing beliefs of others; to explore our sense of belonging; to consider our responsibilities in the world; considering the importance of sharing.
- In Spanish, we will be continuing to converse in Spanish.

We would like you to:

- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. Please ensure you sign your child's bookmark every time they read.
- Remind your child to complete 10 garages on Timestable Rockstars every week. This will be checked on a Friday.
- Ensure that your child completes 3 Spelling Games on Spelling Shed every week.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.
- Please make sure all your child's uniform and equipment is named.

Additional Information:

- An Autumn Calendar featuring key dates for the term has been sent separately.