



Curriculum Information



Autumn 1 Year 4



Our topic this half term is 'Romans in Britain'.

Why was the Roman army so successful? How did the Romans shape Britain? Who were the Celts and who was Boudicca? We will explore the invasion of Britain by Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius, the power and success of the Roman army and how the Romans shaped Britain. Although they were well-trained and disciplined on the battlefield, they were not always fighting. We will learn that the Romans introduced many customs into the lives of Britons of the time including founding cities, building new roads and the idea of money and coins.

As writers, we will be writing information pages, diaries and setting descriptions using historical facts and perspectives.

As readers, Our key texts to drive our topic this half term are 'The Usborne Official Roman Soldier's Handbook' to learn about the life of a Roman soldier, and 'Roman Invasion' - a fictional diary to learn the story of the Roman invasion of Britain from a Celtic boy's point of view. During Guided Reading sessions, we will build our fluency and comprehension skills using 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine.

In Maths, we will learn about place value, addition and subtraction, rounding and multiplication in addition to introducing Roman numerals.

In Science, we will learn how to create simple electrical circuits, the role of switches and which materials are conductors of electricity.

In Art, we will design, create and evaluate coil pots and compare the final piece with contemporary artists, Roman and Stone Age methods.

In Computing, we will explore how someone's identity online can be different from real life as well as developing our understanding of input and output when coding.

In Design and Technology, we will be revising what a healthy diet consists of before making a fantastic fish pie and developing our kitchen tool skills.

In Geography, we will compare human and physical features of Rome with London.

In History, we will find out about Roman leaders that invaded Britain, their fight against the Celts and the impact the Roman settlement had on life in Britain then and today.

In Languages, we will be revising greeting and numbers from Year 3 then speaking, listening, reading and writing about classroom objects and everyday instructions.

In Music, we will be finding out about gospel music and playing an ostinato for 'This Little Light of Mine'.

In PSHE, we will learn about protective behaviours, self-respect and creating positive relationships.

In PE, we will work as part of a team in hockey and improve our balance and flexibility in gymnastics.

In RE, we will learn about Hindu beliefs and traditions during the festival of Diwali.