

The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

This Term's Topic will focus on Roman Britain and will involve following the lives of a real Roman family who lived in Vindolanda near Hadrian's Wall. We will be learning some Latin as well as studying several myths and legends.

In Geography we will be naming and locating geographical regions within the United Kingdom and looking at how land usage has changed over time. Additionally there will be a study on the key aspects of physical geography and how they impacted on Roman lives, for example volcanoes and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

This will lead into a scientific study of rocks and how sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks are formed. Followed by looking at states of matter and how these can sometimes be reversible or irreversible.

We are lucky to have Sing-Up joining us this term; this will progress in the Spring term to learning an instrument, culminating with a performance at the Grove Theatre in the Summer term.

French and P.E. will take an integral part in our curriculum and as part of our spiritual and moral development we will continue to build our knowledge about different faiths and beliefs. Social skills will focus on "Being me in my world" and how to work successfully as a class. Purple Mash will lead us through some exciting I.C.T programming and there will be opportunities to extend learning at home with a termly project that will be announced in the first few weeks of term.



Maths will focus on Using and Applying our knowledge and skills in order to solve everyday problems.

In Literacy we will be looking at consistently using neat handwriting and extending our vocabulary and understanding of grammar. Our work on Latin will help our understanding of etymology. Our first topic will be Instructional writing to support our work in science and DT. This will be followed by Myths and Legends.

Throughout the term we will be looking at strategies to help us learn spellings and times tables.

In Art and DT we will continue our study by looking at Roman Engineering. What buildings did the Romans build and for what purposes? How did they solve practical engineering problems such as providing enough water for their towns and cities, and enabling the army to get from A to B? We will look at Roman roads, buildings and aqueducts and build models and carry out scientific tests and make a presentation of our discoveries.

We will also be following instructions to construct a Roman tablet and scribe and using our artistic talents to design and construct a Roman style mosaic.

The one pictured here is of a Real Roman mosaic featuring a Beware of the Dog sign.