



The Romans



ENGLISH

The children love reading a text together every day and improving their comprehension skills. This term's class texts are as follows:

- Thomas Class: Charlotte's Web, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters and Bluebird.
- Ringgold Class: The Railway Children and The Pencil
- Lichtenstein Class: Stig of the Dump and The Firework Maker's Daughter

Our class texts will provide a stimulus for writing instructional and discussion texts. We will also be developing the children's storytelling skills. With spelling, we will continue to focus on rules and patterns and we will help the children improve their writing and editing skills.

SCIENCE

This term we are focusing on animals and humans. The children will learn about animals needing the right types and amount of nutrition, as they cannot produce their own food. We will also look at the human skeleton and muscles. The children will build on their understanding as they learn about the human digestive system, including teeth and the purpose of each type.

RE

The children will be learning about the life of the prophet Muhammed, his importance to Muslims and the revelation of the Quran. After half term, they will be finding out more about founders and leaders of world faiths.

HISTORY

This term's topic has a history focus.

The children will develop their understanding of timelines by plotting key dates of Ancient Rome and the Roman impact on Britain, including on religion, language, ways of life, buildings, architecture, and technology. In addition, the children will build on their map skills by identifying and locating countries within the Roman Empire. We will research famous figures of the period such as Julius Caesar, Claudius and Boudicca. We will end this topic with a brief look at the Anglo Saxons, finding out who they were and their impact and influences on Britain.

DT

The children will be learning about Roman architecture and engineering, focusing on the use of columns and arches in buildings. They will use this knowledge to design and construct an aqueduct/bridge.

ART

We will be learning about a variety of pencil and sketching techniques, allowing the children to select those appropriate to create drawings in the style of Quentin Blake. They will then explore 3D sculpture inspired by Quentin Blake's illustrations using Modroc.

PE

The children will practise their ball skills whilst developing an understanding of the importance of physical fitness and why we warm up and cool down. They will also explore athletics and ball games, such as rounders and cricket.

COMPUTING

The children will be exploring how to use technology and media creatively. First they will be learning to create stop motion animation. Then, they will explore how to capture and edit audio to produce a podcast, whilst considering copyright.

FRENCH

The children will be building on their knowledge of the months of the year, days of the week and numbers up to 31. They will learn about items in a French café and how to order them.

MUSIC

This term we will explore using beat to create music with different textures. The children will also use notations to build performance from different periods and styles. This will build towards performances of a Renaissance dance, walking down the aisle to Wagner's Bridal march and dancing the mashed potato!

PSHE

This term we are continuing our focus on money and finance. We will then build on our work in Science by looking at healthy lifestyles including mental health, the importance of oral hygiene and healthy sleep patterns.