

## Humanities

### History - The Romans

Our focus in History this term will be the Romans, and we will be covering the following aspects: -

Can I identify the Roman era on a timeline?

Can I explain why and how the Romans invaded Britain?

Can I investigate life in the Roman era?

Can I explain the consequences of the Roman retreat from Britain?

Can I explore the Roman impact on Britain?

Can I write down Roman numerals up to 20?

Also, on Monday 12th February, we will be going on a school trip to the Dewa Roman Heritage centre.

### Art

Mrs Cox will continue to teach art this term and the children will be developing their use of colour and its application. We will be looking closely at and evaluating the work of Clarice Cliff and Claude Monet. The skills and knowledge learnt will be used to create a whole class composition linked to RE.

### Music

Using our Charanga scheme the children will learn how to listen and analyse using musical terms, compose and improvise using the glockenspiels and perform compositions to the rest of the class.

## PE

Our first term the focus will be on a Roman themed dance, which will link to our humanities topic and gymnastics where the children will learn to sequence movements together. In the second term, again we will focus on gymnastics and learn how to create lines of symmetry with our partners and problem solving skills through outdoor activities.

### D.T.

During the second half term, the children will be learning more about healthy eating and how to help ensure a balanced diet is considered when meal planning and buying ingredients. We will also be discussing good hygiene practices when preparing food.

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## RE

Mrs Cox will continue to teach RE and the children will be focusing on the bible and how its contents support Christians in their daily lives. We will also be looking at the structure of the bible and how books and verses can be referenced and found. There will be a link to our art work through colour before investigating further the use of art in famous paintings to portray Christian stories and Jesus.

### Computing

For the first term, we will look at the programming tool Scratch. Children will be introduced to a Sprite and will be taught how to programme the Sprite to move and add changing backgrounds. In the second term, children will learn about the importance of databases, learning how to create, structure and plan databases.

## Numeracy

This term, we will cover the following areas:

- Multiplication and Division, concentrating on multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and out problem-solving skills.
- Measurement and Money, Converting, adding, and subtracting and giving change.
- Statistics,
- Length and Perimeter using metres, centimetres, millimetres, comparing length, adding, and subtracting length and calculating perimeter.
- Fractions of numbers and shapes and equivalent fractions

## Literacy

This term's book is called Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies, as a class we will be building on the Literacy keys from the Autumn term and focusing on using adverbs to express time, place and cause, build an increasing range of sentence structures, assess the effectiveness of own and other's writing and proofread for spelling and punctuation errors prior to publishing our final persuasive piece.

Spellings will continue to be spent home weekly and there will be a focus of using our blue pens to edit work in small groups. In the second term, we will look at the book Escape From Pompeii by Christina Balit. Tranio and Livia are the main characters in this book as they have to escape from Mount Vesuvius. Our Literacy keys for this term are, using inverted commas for direct speech, use the present perfect tense of the verb and to group ideas into paragraphs.

## Science -

The children will continue to learn science with Mrs Taylor on Wednesday morning. Over the Spring term, they will look at plants, focusing on parts of a plant and will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. The second unit that will be covered is - Animals, including humans. Within this unit the children will look at what makes a balanced diet and different types of skeletons.

Year 3  
Spring Newsletter  
January 2024

**Welcome back.**

Thank you very much for the Christmas presents. I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. I have been very impressed with how well the children have started the juniors - Well done Year 3!

**Staffing for this term**

Mrs Taylor will continue to teach Science on a Wednesday morning and Mrs Cox will still teach a combination of Art and R.E. on a Monday afternoon.

Mrs Johnson will continue to work with us in the mornings. Mrs Clark will be working with us on Monday and Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

**PE**

Both sessions will be inside on a Tuesday for gymnastics and dance on a Friday. Can all children please have their indoor PE kit in school with their items of clothing labelled.

**Homework and Spellings**

Thank you so much for your support with your child's homework. Your support certainly makes a huge difference in your child's progress with their learning. Homework and spellings will continue to go out on Friday and to be returned by the following Thursday.

**Reading**

Children need to be reading their books each evening at home and comments from children should be written in their reading diary (adults are welcome to leave comments on behalf of the child.) Reading at home is essential. In the Autumn term your child was given a bookmark with a variety of questions that can be used to give a response in their reading diary. This is something we have been focusing on in school and children have been writing their short responses in their diary. If possible, can you support your child in writing the date at the start of the week in their reading diary. Again, we thank you all for supporting your child's learning through reading.

If you have any concerns or worries, please do contact myself on the Year 3 email.

Thank you

Mr Waring

