

TERM: Summer 2017 – Year 5

Topic: What have the Romans done for us?



ENGLISH:

Reading

The children will continue developing positive attitudes to reading and improving their understanding of what they read. They will be reading a range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books and will focus on improving their ability to predict, infer and retrieve information in texts. We will also be looking at how authors use language for effect and at the skill of summarizing. In particular, we will be focusing on *'The Thieves of Ostia'*, a novel by Caroline Lawrence, and Shakespeare's *'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*.

Spelling

The children will carry on learning the Key spelling words for year 5 and words containing the following spelling patterns: *ence/ance, sion, mis-, silent letters, ual.*

Writing

The children will continue to plan, draft, edit and publish different types of writing. We will focus particularly on using dialogue, describing settings, linking ideas together and using different organisational features for writing non-fiction texts. In our Grammar and Punctuation work we will be learning how to use semi colons, passive verbs and how to punctuate more complex sentences. The children will continue to work hard on improving the quality and fluency of their joined handwriting.

MATHS:

Number

Throughout the Summer Term, we will continue to have a focus on the children being fluent with all their times tables and mental arithmetic.

As well as constantly revisiting maths learning from the previous two terms, the children will also be working on Angles, 2D and 3D shape, reflection and translation, coordinates, area and perimeter, measurement and time.

To help the children master all these, and to deepen their mathematical understanding, they will regularly have opportunities to solve problems and work on mathematical reasoning activities linked to all these areas.

Romans Topic

Through the topic of The Romans, the children will cover the following . . .

In Geography we will be focusing on types of settlement and land-use as well as locating countries and cities in Europe.

In History the children will use a range of sources to find out about the Roman invasions of Britain and, in particular, we'll focus the legacy left behind by the Romans. Our topic will also include a visit to a Roman Villa.

In Art and D.T. we will be creating art inspired by the style and techniques of the Romans and producing a realistic scale model of a Roman Town.

P.S.H.E. During this term the children will focus on *healthy lifestyles and growing and changing.*

In R.E. the children will be learning about pilgrimage and charity, with a particular focus on Hajj and Zakat in Islam.

In computing the children will learn how to create stop-motion animations.

SCIENCE – Living Things and Their Habitats

In our Science lessons this term the children will be learning about lifecycles and reproduction in plant and animals.

Weekly Routines

English and Maths homework will continue to be given out on Monday and will be due in the following Monday.

Spelling work will be given to the children on Thursdays, with the spelling test taking place the following Wednesday.

Ideas for Support at home:

Please could you help your child with learning both their spelling lists and times tables? Furthermore, helping your child with extra research about the Romans would really help them to understand this term's main topic.