

Speaking and Listening / Grammar / Reading and Writing

In English, we will start by looking the story of Pompeii, reading about exciting adventures. Children will then write their own stories based on their interests in the Ancient Greek culture.

We will then look at producing what we have discovered about Pompeii and producing this as a newspaper report.

Later on be diaries written in the Roman times, investigating the lives and experiences of different people and their roles. Children will write their diaries learning about the many different aspects of their lives.

History and Geography

In history, children will investigate the ancient civilisation of Rome. They will investigate this fascinating part of history by looking at their religion, civilisation and family life. This will include differences between education, the rich and the poor and other such factors. Children will look at secondary sources of evidence such as books, the Internet and historical reports. We will focus especially on the events in Pompeii.

We will also look at human geography, including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Mathematical Development

In maths we will be concentrating on various aspects of number as such Area, multiplication, division and fractions. We will look at mastery problems and challenges in order to extend our thinking. In addition to this, we will continue to practise operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and continue to enjoy challenging ourselves with the Times Table Rock Stars computer program and 3-minute challenges.

Theme - What have the Romans ever done for us?

**English and story time texts:**

Roman Diary- The journal Iliona- Richard Platt

Pompeii Buried Alive Edith Kurnhardt

What the Romans did for us- Alison Hawes

Roman Myths

Home Learning

The children will have the chance to complete some homework regarding aspects of our topic. Children must also keep reading at home, practise their spellings and times tables, as well as completing weekly homework that usually includes mathematics (of which they complete the section that best suits their ability level with some challenge) and some kind of literacy.

Art /Design Technology / Music

In art the children will be investigating how the Romans use mosaics to create artwork. The children will be researching designing, creating a evaluating their own unique mosaic designs.

In music, the children will be learning a variety of songs for their Christmas performance. They will also familiarising themselves with a variety of successful performing artists such as The Beatles and Michael Jackson.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to learn basic vocabulary such as days of the week and food and drink.

Science

The children will learn about the digestive system. They will:

Describe the simple function of the basic parts of the digestive in humans system

Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.

Children will carry out investigations connected with the above objectives.

PE

The children will be following the gymnastics objectives of the Year 4 curriculum and continuing to play invasion games and develop our tactical understanding of the games we play

Computing

The children will be using a variety of digital platforms to create their own musical compositions.