



Foxes Class

Years 3 and 4, Summer Term 1



Following on from our learning last term about the Iron Age, this term our curriculum project teaches the children about the invasion of the Romans and how that changed Britain. We will have our trip to Flag Fen this term to enjoy a practical, immersive learning experience.

English

Our class read is Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong. The book we will use for our English work is Lights on Cotton Rock by David Lichfield. We will use this to write:

- A comic strip
- Poetry
- Non-chronological report

Guided Reading. We will explore the Romans by looking at the food and drink the Romans brought to Britain, Gladiators, Hadrian's Wall and Julius Caesar.

Science - Plants

We will build upon the children's previous knowledge of plants and trees from Year 2. They will identify and describe the functions of the different parts of plants. This project allows us to perform plenty of investigations, we will explore what plants need for life and growth, discover how water is transported through plants, and look at seeds and explore the different ways that plants disperse their seeds

Maths

Children will develop their skills and concepts of:

- Fractions
- Time
- Decimals
- fluidity of recall of focussed times tables and number facts
- Daily Arithmetic

History

We will be learning about the Roman time period through a variety of sources, how the Roman invasion and settlement changed Britain, and the lasting legacies of the Romans in Britain. We will also learn about Boudica's rebellion against the Romans as well as Roman towns and cities and how they developed certain aspects of society that still stand today.

Music – Jazz

We explore the key characteristics of jazz music and its historical significance. It introduces key vocabulary such as syncopation, improvisation, swing, blues scale, and call and response, helping understand how jazz musicians create expressive and dynamic performances. We will also learn about the influence of jazz pioneers and experiment with improvisation techniques.



Art

Using the inspiration of Roman artefacts, we look at techniques the Romans used in pottery. We will create pots inspired by the Romans. We look at the work of potter, Ellen Schon.



PSHE - Healthy and Safer Lifestyles

We are learning about personal safety including trusted adults, 'sixth sense' feelings, good and bad secrets and assessing risk.



French

Learning about transport, from buses to cars, planes, trains and submarines.



RE – What does it mean to live a 'good' life?

We explore Christianity, Judaism and Islam to investigate ways in which they are taught to lead a 'good life'.



Computing - Creating media - desktop publishing.

We will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve premade documents. We begin to understand how to make our own template for a magazine front cover. Then, start to add text and images to create their own pieces of work using desktop publishing software.

PE and Forest School

PE will take place on Thursday morning at Witham. Forest school takes place on Tuesday afternoon.

Other Notes:

Reading - Please read on a regular basis at home throughout the week and record your comments in their reading records.

Please practice times tables with your child – use TT Rockstars or sheets that are sent home.