

What your child will be studying this term – Year 3

When in Rome!

Literacy

We will be studying a range of high-quality texts this term. We will be also focusing on a range of grammatical and punctuation skills: using powerful adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases; using the progressive tense (I am watching); using co-ordinating conjunctions (for, and, not, but, yet, so); using some time adverbs (these tell you when); using a range of punctuation accurately; learning about inverted commas for speech and using apostrophes for contraction and some possessive apostrophes.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose scheme of work and focusing on the following areas:-

- Consolidating the 2x, 4x and 8x tables.
- Multiplying and dividing 2 digits by 1 digit.
- Recognising halves, quarters and thirds.
- Counting in fractions.
- Making one whole.
- Counting in tenths and recognising tenths as a decimal.
- Comparing, ordering and finding equivalent fractions.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.
- Recognising angles.

Science – Forces and Magnets

We will be studying forces and magnets. We will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and investigate which materials they attract. We will group magnetic materials. We will know that magnets have 2 poles.

ICT – coding and programming

We will create more complex programmes using symbols and text. We will explore the variables in a range of simulations and create simple interactive computer games and activities. We will be able to debug our own coding.

History – The Romans

We will use a range of sources to find out about the Romans. We will learn about the Roman army and the main Roman leaders. We will find out about Boudicca's revolt. We will find out what life was like for a child in Roman Britain. We will summarise some of the main achievements during the Roman empire.

Geography – Volcanoes.

Our focus will be volcanoes. We will learn how volcanoes are formed and the different parts of a volcano. We will link this learning to Italy and the Romans and study Mount Vesuvius and how its eruption in 79AD preserved Pompeii. We will learn that volcanic soil is fertile and the different crops grown near Mount Vesuvius.

Art – painting and collage

We will be learning about the work of Hannah Hoch. We will learn how to use different tones in shading and draw with expression. We will learn how to draw and decorate a skull.

D.T – Roman sandals

We will research footwear design and use this information to design our own Roman sandal. We will then create our footwear and evaluate the product.

R.E –We will be learning about how Jews celebrate. We will also be learning about Sikh beliefs.

Ways in which you can help your child:-

- Read with your child every night and discuss what has been read
- Practise spellings sent home
- Practise the maths objectives listed – help your child learn their 2x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables and read the time
- Move toy cars on different surfaces and observe what happens
- Research and read books about the Romans
- Visit the British Museum or the Museum of London to find out more about the Romans
- Locate Italy on maps and atlases
- Create your own model volcano using baking soda and vinegar.
- Learn about Hannah Hoch

