

Romans Rule!



Year Group: 4
Term: Spring 2

Rationale:

Year 4 received a postcard from Winnie and Woolly, the woolly mammoths that recently visited Year 3! They were lost again and asked Year 4 for help to identify where and when they were in time, using the observations that they had made. Year 4 have to work out the clues and find out information about the time period to help Woolly and Winnie understand where they are. We will then write to Winnie and Woolly using all the information we have, in order to explain the time period where they are and what they could expect to see.

Lead Subject: History

We will begin our project by looking at how Rome itself was founded and changed from a Kingdom to a Republic. We will then explore the failed and successful attempts of the Romans to invade Britain and look more closely at the Roman Army and why they were so successful. After this, we will explore what life was like in Roman Britain and the rebellion led by Queen Boudica in 60 CE. At the end of the project, we will look at Roman houses and compare them with houses throughout history.

Lead Subject: English

Early in the project, we will be writing a diary of Julius Caesar's attempted invasion of Britain in 55BCE and 54BCE. We will then explore a new writing genre, newspaper reports. We will be reading 'The Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman, which is all about the story of Boudica.

Lead Subject: Art

We will be creating our own mosaic tiles from clay. Real Roman mosaics will be shared with the children to inspire their own designs. Clay will be cut into tiles and the children will paint their design on their tiles. We will then use the skills of cross-hatch and slip to join the patterned tiles to the base tile.

School Values: Achievement

We will be looking at the legacy of the Romans in Britain.

Maths:

This half term, we will learn about division and exploring the links between fractions and decimals in tenths and hundredths.

Home learning:

We would like you to create an A4 picture of your own Roman shield. Due Monday 23rd March

Outcome:

We will be writing a letter to Winnie and Woolly to explain where and when they are in time. We will also share this information with Year 3 as they are concerned about the lost mammoths!



Applied Subject: Geography

Year 4 will develop their map reading and atlas skills in this project by exploring how the structure of Europe changed due to Roman rule and how the Empire expanded and eventually fell. We will also be looking at the routes Romans travelled across Europe on their attempts to invade Britain.

Applied Subject: Computing

To present everything they have learned, the children will be developing their PowerPoint skills and create their own slideshow presentation all about Roman Legacy to show the local community.

R.E:

Paschal Candle

P.E:

Dance and Athletics

PDL:

Rights and respect

French:

Au cafe

Music:

Tempo and duration