



Courtney Primary - Topic Sheet- The Romans – Who were the Romans?

Term 4 – Year 3 – Miss Ford

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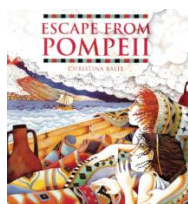


What is this topic sheet for?

This sheet shows you the topics your child is covering this term and gives you ideas and ways you can help your child at home. The library is always a good starting point and the internet has many great sites. If you visit www.courtneyprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the 'Links' section, you will find useful websites listed there.

English

Our class text will be: **Escape from Pompeii** by Christina Balit



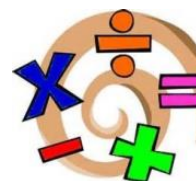
We will be learning the following grammar skills:

- Write complex sentences.
- Use inverted commas for direct speech.
- Use a range of adverbs and fronted adverbials for time and place.

We will use these skills to write diary entries, setting descriptions and stories. At the end of the term, we are going to write a newspaper report on the day that Vesuvius erupted.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be covering the following skills:



Length and Perimeter

We are learning to

- convert between centimetres and millimetres and metres and centimetres.
- measure and compare different lengths
- add and subtract different lengths

Fractions

We are learning to

- count up and down in tenths
- recognise, find and write fractions of a set of objects
- recognise and use fractions as numbers
- recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators
- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole

RE

Our big question in RE this term is:



Why are festivals important to religious communities? We are going to focus in particular on Easter. This term is very exciting for RE as we are going to be entering the Spirited Poetry Competition as a whole school. This will involve a whole school immersion event and poetry slam! The theme this year is Window on the Soul and we're going to write our poems on World Poetry Day.



Topic

This term we are going to be learning all about the Romans! We are going to be learning about the Romans invasions, roads, lifestyles, numbers, gods and goddesses as well as looking at Hadrian's Wall, Boudicca and their battle tactics.



Science

Our focus in science is Forces and Magnets. As part of this unit, we will:

- compare how things move on different surfaces.
- notice that some forces need contact between two objects but magnetic forces can act at a distance.
- observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.
- compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet and identify some magnetic materials.
- describe magnets as having two poles.
- predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other.



Art and DT

We are going to be doing a lot of DT this term with the children designing and making their own Roman shield ready to use in invasion games in PE. We are also going to be developing our textile knowledge by designing and creating our own drawstring purse.



Cooking

On our first day back, we are going to be baking Roman rolls using a traditional recipe. In the last week of term, we are going to create Roman honey cakes and write instructions in our topic book.



PE

Our PE slot with Mr Smith is on a Thursday afternoon.

On Friday afternoons we are going to be doing Roman invasion games with Year 4 out on the field. If you could send your child in with trainers that you don't mind getting muddy, that would be fantastic! Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, with earrings removed on the days of PE.

