



Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful break and are now ready to start a new year. Our topic this term is going to continue to be The Romans. This term we will be learning about why the Romans invaded Britain, what they did for us and some of the people that fought the Romans to protect England.

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school at all times, as in cases of bad weather, PE days may change.

**UMBRELLA TOPIC: Romans**



**ART & DESIGN:**

**Roman Mosaics** – We will be continuing our work on Roman Mosaics from last term, by trying to make our own mosaics using pieces of tile.

**ICT: Coding:** We will be using the iPad's to explore some of the coding apps on there. We will look at how to write a set of instructions for a programme and also how to problem solve when things go wrong.

**RE: What is the Trinity?**

We will be exploring the symbolism of water during baptism before considering why baptism is important to Christians.

**ENGLISH:**

**Hero Stories** – Our model text will be Robin Hood. We will use this to help us learn the structure of hero stories, before we attempt to write our own. Our stories are also going to have cliff hanger endings!

**Persuasive Writing** – We will be looking at adverts and persuasive letters. We will then be writing For Sale adverts for Roman villas.

**LANGUAGES – French:**

This term we will learn the names of the months of the year and the days of the week. We will then be able to use this, with our knowledge of numbers, to say when our birthdays are. We will also learn French colours.

**PE:**

**Dance** – we will be creating our own dance based on the different roles of Roman Gladiators. We will be trying to include some battle positions which show the different ways that gladiators fought.

**Gymnastics** – This term we will be starting our Gymnastics work. We will explore both floor and apparatus work, working by ourselves and as part of a group and trying to create our own routines, involving a variety of skills that we have learnt.

**History:**

**Romans:**

**Key Question – Why did the Romans invade Britain?** We will explore who was the emperor of Rome at the time the Romans invaded Britain. We will look at why Britain was targeted and the things the Romans brought with them.

**Key Question – Why was Hadrian's Wall built?** Who built Hadrian's Wall and why? Why did they build it in the position that they did?

**Key Question – Who was Boudicca and why did she fight the Romans?**

We will find out about Boudicca, where she lived and the people that she was leading. We will then look at why she decided to stand up to the Romans.

**Maths: Calculation** – We will be furthering our calculation skills this term by beginning to look at division. We will be using our times tables skills lots, so all that 99 club practice will come in handy!

**Fractions** – Our multiplication and division skills will then be tested further by exploring fractions. We will learn how they represent part of a whole and different ways of showing the same fraction (equivalent fractions).

**Measures** – we are going to explore time! We will learn to read the time on both analogue and digital clocks and be able to convert between 12 and 24 hour clocks.

**Roman Numerals** – Finally we will be exploring Roman Numerals, learning to read them and converting numbers to and from Roman Numerals.