

# Rome and Her Empire

Reedy Class Year 4  
Spring Term 2018



## Key Areas of Learning

As **Historians** we will be learning about the Roman Empire in the first half of the term. We will learn about Romulus and Remus, Roman gods and goddesses and about growth and expansion of the empire. We will study Roman leaders, architecture, engineering and find out about gladiators and the mighty Roman army. In the second half of the term we will learn about Roman Britain – tribes including the Iceni, leaders including Bodicea and about how the Romans impacted and shaped Britain even today.

As **Artists and Designers** we will research Roman mosaics and will use tiles and grout to realise our own mosaic designs. We will also use our pencil sketching abilities to create portraits of Roman gods and goddesses.

### ENGLISH

Each morning we will work on spelling rules and strategies and continue to learn the words stipulated in the National Curriculum spelling lists for Lower Key Stage 2.

'Matilda' Roald Dahl will be our Guided Reading text this term. We will be asking questions to improve our understanding of the text and drawing inferences about the characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

During English lessons we will be writing character descriptions, creating a recipe for a good/bad teacher, and writing our own Limericks.

### MATHEMATICS

Our topics this term include:

- Time
- Angles
- Perpendicular and parallel lines
- Area and perimeter
- Whole numbers
- Tables and line graphs

We will continue consolidating other areas of the Maths curriculum through mathematical investigations and Maths Meetings throughout the term.

As **Scientists**, we will be looking at teeth and eating. The children will learn about digestion and different types of teeth before moving on to explore deadly predators and their prey in their exploration of food chains. After half-term, we will explore sound. What it is, how it is made and how it can be altered. Throughout these topics, we will develop our investigation skills and recording our findings.

### PE

PE lessons will be with Mr Hook on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and will focus on rugby and games skills.

### RE

In R.E. the key questions that we will explore this term will be:  
'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?'  
And  
'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'

### COMPUTING

With Mrs Pilling, we will be using the Internet to research the Romans focusing on life in the senate. We will be producing newspaper recounts in Publisher about the senate's view that the citizens in Pompeii were in no danger from Mt. Vesuvius's eruptions! We will create whizzy fact files about life in the senate using PowerPoint and will insert images, text boxes, sound effect, transitions and hyperlinks.

### PSHCE

In **PSHCE** we continue to discuss and consider the meaning and impact of 'British Values'. We will focus upon the giving and receiving of compliments and dealing with issues of getting on and falling out with others. We will be asking more 'BIG questions' using P4C (Philosophy for Children).

### MUSIC

We will begin to prepare for the Year 5 Witney Schools Partnership music concert. We will enjoy specialised Music teaching from Mr Luckett. We will learn about the instruments of the orchestra and music from the 'Gladiator' film score by Hans Zimmer.

### FRENCH

We will build upon the work that we have done on number and colour so far this year and will begin to hold conversation about family, school, hobbies, home and shopping.