

Science

- This half-term's topic is all about the human body. Continuing to promote our scientific skills: asking and answering questions through simple experiments and observations; conducting scientific tests; gathering and classifying information plus, data-collection; the children will gain a deeper understanding of how the body works and how best to look after it.

Mathematics

- Continuing to follow the super White Rose Maths scheme, we will begin the term by finishing our units on Addition and Subtraction, Reception will enjoy lots of practical activities learning about numbers 1 - 5. Y1 will focus on parts and wholes, number bonds to 10, adding together, adding more and taking away. Y2 will explore bonds to 20 and 100, as well as adding and subtracting 1 and 2-digit numbers.
- All year groups will then finish the term by learning to name, describe and sort 2 and 3D shapes.
- We will again embed Mental Maths skills by taking part in regular sessions where we play maths games and choose and work on special Fluency Targets with a teacher, for example learning to name the days of the week or remember and recall number bonds to 20.

Computing

The unit for this half-term is: Creating media - Digital painting.

We will explore the world of digital art and its range of creative tools. The children will produce their own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of artists and styles.

Music

Class Nativity- learning to sing and play in time, at the right pitch, remembering the right words and actions 😊

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Romans on the Rampage



Art & D/T

- Art is all about Christmas in Hedgehog Class this term! We are going to explore some beautiful Renaissance Nativity paintings, for example Raphael's Madonna, and we will take inspiration from these paintings when we carefully draw our own Nativity-scenes.
- On Christmas Craft Day we also enjoy making 3D decorations.
- Finally, in DT we will explore Roman mosaic, designing and making our own mosaic pictures.

Enrichment Activities

- Making Bonfire Night artwork.
- Learning about and celebrating Remembrance Day.
- Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with an Odd Socks Day in November.
- Whole School Trip to the Deva Roman Discovery Centre in Chester.
- Entering Advent with lots of lovely activities, for example Christmas Decoration Day, the Community Carol Service and our Class Nativity. Grown-ups will need their tissues at the ready for our magical performance in December!

PE

- During PE, the children will focus on applying their fundamental skills to playing a variety of games.
- Children will also play team sports, being encouraged to negotiate space, mark opponents and display good sportsmanship.

English

- We will begin English this term with non-fiction, learning about the alphabet and finding definitions for tricky new Topic words in a dictionary.
- We will also have a go at writing descriptive postcards from Ancient Rome, using facts from information books.
- In our fiction work we are going to explore Traditional Tales, reading some Roman myths, acting them out in groups and re-telling them in our own words.
- We will of course also continue with our daily Phonics sessions where we work in groups on, as well as getting stuck into regular handwriting and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.

Topic Work

- Our Romans Topic has a big History focus. We will begin by learning to use words like "past", "present" and "chronology", putting the Roman invasion of Britain on a chronological timeline.
- Using different sources of evidence- books, pictures and artefacts- we will compare life in Roman Britain to life here now, finding out about some specific developments like Roman central heating systems.
- We will also think a bit about Italian culture, including art and food, playing in our fantastic new Pizzeria role play area and exploring Italian recipes!

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural

- In RE we will think about special times and how we celebrate them, including exploring the question "Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?"
- In PSHE we are going to study the Topic "Being Safe". We will Explore basic rules for keeping safe online, talking about rules and age restrictions that are there to keep us safe.
- We will identify possible risks/hazards in the home and outside.
- Recognise what to do if there is an accident and someone gets hurt, demonstrating how to ask for help including calling 999.