

Beech Class Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to Beech class. I hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas and are all nicely refreshed ready for a busy, fun packed Spring term. We have lots of exciting things planned for our new topic which has already started off with a bang!

What are we learning about this term?

This term our topic is 'What would life be like as a Roman?' We are looking at life in Roman times, focussing on:

- Invasions
- Food
- Daily life
- Entertainment
- Clothes
- The Roman Army
- Gladiators

In English we are looking at the Roman Legend 'Romulus and Remus' with a focus on describing characters through "Show not tell". We will also be writing non-fiction texts using our knowledge of the Romans.

Reading in Beech class.

In Beech class we read a minimum of 3 times a week. We take part in whole class guided reading looking at books and reading together. We have a book journal where we are working on inference and comprehension activities. We are working on extending our vocabulary and looking at locating definitions in a dictionary. The skill for this half term is skim reading to find key words.

Gentle reminders: Please remember to read with your child as often as possible. Maths and Grammar homework will be handed out on a Thursday and is expected in the following Thursday. Swimming will continue on a Friday until February half term for Year 4 and PE for Year 5 is on a Monday and Friday afternoon. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school.

English

Legend of Romulus and Remus.
We will use this legend to retell it in our own words with a focus on character through "show not tell"

Non-fiction work drawing on our knowledge gained through Topic lessons.



Art and Design

Collage and Roman Mosaics
Roman Shields.
Boudicca Portrait
Making and tasting Roman foods

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Prayers and caring

Science

Year 4

Teeth and the Digestive System

Year 5

Lever and pulleys

THE ROMANS

Maths

We are continuing to follow the mastery approach to maths with a heavy focus on multiplication and division.

History

The Roman Empire -

- Invasions
- Food
- Daily life
- Entertainment
- Clothes
- The Roman Army

Geography

The position of European Countries on a world Map.

Focus on Italy - specifically Rome
Britain - Hadrian's Wall
Scotland

Computing

- Using Word to present work.
- Shortcuts and other creative ways to present work effectively.