

The Romans are Coming!

MMXIV

Emperors, gladiators, and soldiers. How the Romans influenced Europe.



Literacy, Language and Communication/ Ieithoedd, Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu

Pupils will start the term off by exploring a poem about a roman soldier. They will study the layout, the poetic techniques used and develop their own poem in the similar style. Following on form this, pupils will then complete some research about a famous roman emperor to support them in creating a biography piece using specific writing techniques and styles. For the pupils fictional writing, they will explore roman myths and legends such as the famous story of Romulus & Remus. They will continue to learn in depth ways to punctuate their sentences and make their writing more varied. Pupils will also have opportunities to develop their writing and grammar knowledge when creating a diary recount form the point of view of a gladiator. Throughout the year children will be expected to continue to read at home and learn their weekly spellings. There we will be a great emphasis on children's reading this term not only in guided reading, but also paired reading with younger year groups.

Numeracy/Rhifedd

At the start of this term pupils will continue their work on shapes and measurements. They will focus on volume and learn to measure the capacity of different items. Linked to our topic, pupils will explore roman numerals and how they can be associated with time. Pupils will learn to read an analogue and digital clock, they will use time to measure and solve problems involving time. Following this learning the pupils will recap over addition and subtraction, ensuring they can apply their knowledge and methods to other aspect of maths. In the second half of the term pupils will move their learning onto Statistics where they will learn to gather, record, analyse and interpret data into different formats such as charts and graphs. This will then guide our learning to learning about position, reflection and direction on a four-quadrant graph. Throughout the term the pupils will be participating in daily multiplication support sessions to improve their rapid recall with multiplication tables. As a class we will also be focusing on mathematical language and vocabulary, to broaden and deepen our learning.

Welsh/Cymraeg

This Term we will complete our work on 'Cymru a fi' (Wales and me) where the pupils will ask and answer about what is in their locality. They will learn the meaning of words commonly used in Welsh place names to then give facts about Wales as a country and describe its attraction. Each week the pupils will also have a Welsh guided reading sessions and they will read to children from dosbarth Unicorn a Draig.

How can you help?

You can support your children at home, by talking about their learning, listening to them read daily and helping them to learn their spellings and times tables. Remember the children can also access a range of online resources and passwords for these will be sent home. As always, we will be keeping you up to date through Class Dojo so keep an eye out for your child!

We thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Expressive Arts/ Y Celfyddydau Mynegiannol



Linked to our topic theme, pupils will explore architecture, painting, sculpture and mosaic work.

Pupils will have the chance to create their own pieces of work inspired by the Romans. In addition they will also have the chance to create their own swards, helmets, and shields for them to use when role playing.

In music, pupils will explore how songs were an integral part of almost every social occasion in the Roman period. Pupils will continue to learn to play an instrument and gain further knowledge about the building blocks of music - pulse/beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo, and dynamics.

Health and Well-being/ Iechyd a Lles

This term the pupils will explore safe and healthy relationships. They will learn about different ways to keep their bodies clean during puberty and how they should feel during these changes.

In P.E. pupils will learn key skills with cricket. They will develop their eye-hand coordination, batting techniques and working as a team. This term they will also be practicing some athletics in preparation for School Sports Day.

Some Key Dates

26th April - Powys Cross Country 3rd - 5th June : Residential to Glan Llyn.

Science and Technology/ Gwyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg

Pupils will start the term off by learning about the human body and how it develops from foetus to old age. They will describe the changes that humans go through and become aware of puberty and how babies are created. This will then transition their learning to evolution and how fossils are formed.

Show Me the Code

During this term pupils will learn about the internet and the World Wide Web. They will explore variables and functions to then allow them to create their own platform game.



Humanities/ Y Dyniaethau



Pupils will locate Romans on a timeline and study in depth how they progressed to conquer and rule Europe. They will locate European counties on a map and compare geographic features of Italy to Wales. Pupils will study the influence that the Romans had on British culture and man-made features that changed the way individuals travelled.

In R.E. they will explore and learn about the gods that the Roman's worshiped. They will also learn about how Muslims are influenced by life after death and how this leads them to living good lives.

Creative Learning

This term pupils will ties in Genius hour to

create items to present to their class. One of these items will be a Roman Catapult.