

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels

Autumn 2019



Our Theme: Were The Romans Rotten?

Our Christian Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Welcome to the Kestrels! We are all looking forward to a brand new academic year working together on lots of exciting topics.

Autumn Term 2019
Our theme is 'Were the Romans rotten?'
On our WOW day we will be doing a variety of Roman art, including designing mosaics, shields and vases.
For our Exit day we will setting up a Roman museum and inviting parents and friends to come and see all the work we will have done during the term.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in fiction with historical and adventure stories linked with our Romans theme. We will also be exploring the features of reports and explanatory texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are learning about place value and the size of numbers. We will then move onto the calculation skills of addition and subtraction, combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be practised on a daily basis, in preparation for the Government's Year 4 Multiplication Facts Check in the summer term.

Science

In Science, we are studying two themes, Plants and Living Things. We will identify different parts of flowering plants, explore what plants need to grow well and the life cycle of the plant. We will group living things in a variety of ways using classification keys.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

RE

In R.E, we are focusing on the question 'Why do we celebrate?' We will be thinking about celebrations in our own lives as well as those linked to different religions. After half term, we will focus on communities in Hinduism and how worship and celebrations help to build these.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be completing activities in swimming, football and health-related fitness.

History

In History, we are exploring whether the Romans were really rotten as the Horrible Histories say! We will be learning about where the Roman empire extended in the world, about the conquest of Britain and then exploring what impact the Romans had on Britain.

Art

In Art, we will develop our drawing skills connected with the Romans topic using our sketchbooks. We will design and make salt dough Roman god symbols as well as using small pieces of tile to create and make mosaics.

Music

In Music, we are going to learn how to play the glockenspiel, learning where the notes are on the stave, playing together in a group and composing our own tunes. In term 2, we will be learning to recognise the style of reggae, singing songs and then composing an accompaniment on the glockenspiel.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our P.E day is: Friday

Our Swimming day is: Wednesday

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a Friday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to prepare for these each week.

Please continue to hear your child read and complete their Reading Record book at least once a week, more often if possible. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help. Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. If you feel you can help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you, and, as always, if you have any queries about anything, please pop in to see me.

Thank you.

Dawn Featherstone