

### **Theme**

Our theme this term is based upon a historical theme, as we learn all about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will discover who the Romans were, why they invaded and how they have impacted our lives today. We will learn all about the Roman army and will review the attempted and successful invasions. We will also be reading 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong to accompany our learning within our writing units.

### **English**

In English, we start the term focusing on some PSHE books that will help to support us with our transition into a new class and a new environment. We move on to covering a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and songs that are all linked to our main theme. Our class will be learning the skills needed to write character descriptions, alternative story endings, diary entries, non-chronological reports and instructions.

In guided reading, we will be reading 'Boudica's Army' by Hilary McKay, alongside a range of linked texts developing our inference and understanding of authorial intent.

### **Maths**

In maths, we are learning our place value and building upon our addition and subtraction skills. We will look at numbers up to 10,000 and apply this understanding of number to using the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. There will be lots of cross-curricular maths opportunities through our history and geography lessons as we use our measuring, data and statistics skills.

### **Recovery Curriculum**

We feel it is important for our class to reconnect and get to know each other after many weeks of lockdown. We will begin the term learning through lots of team building games, transition fun and PSHE activities.

We hope to take part in an archives project organised by Hull Heritage Learning, where we will document our lockdown journeys in exciting ways. Children will have the opportunity to submit their project so that it will be stored in the Hull archives for years to come!

In addition, we are going to take part in a whole school art project - so watch this space!

### **P.E.**

In PE, we will be taking part in lots of orienteering activities to get our bodies moving and keep us active in a socially distanced way. We will be spending as much time as possible outside as we think about what we can do to keep ourselves fit and healthy, creating workouts and developing leadership skills.

### **Geography**

In geography, we will be taking part in a comparative study of the UK and Italy. We will be learning all about their culture, climate and environment. We will be identifying and comparing the geographical and human features of both countries, whilst also exploring the spread of the Roman Empire to understand where it began.

### **Computing**

In computing, we will be learning about digital literacy and e-safety. We will be using technology to create and present informative presentations. We will also be learning how to use logical reasoning to identify errors in algorithms.

### **History**

In history, we will be learning all about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will be developing our chronological understanding by using timelines to order events, people and changes. We will be learning all about Julius Caesar and Claudius to review their attempted and successful invasions, as well as Boudicca's rebellion. We will review how the Roman invasions have affected our lives today.

### **R.E.**

In R.E, we will focus upon 'Belief in the Community' as we learn about Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism. We will investigate and compare the different beliefs and values of each religion.

### **Art and DT**

In art and DT, we will be creating picture perfect self-portraits based on famous artists across the school. We will be creating our own healthy dishes inspired by one of the country's cuisines that we explore over the course of the term.

## **Year 4 Term 1 Empire Strikes Back!**