



Wootton St Peter's CE Primary School

Perseverance Compassion Courage

Year 3/4 Learning Experience Spring Term

Welcome to Year 3/4 at Wootton School.

Jade Class

**Mrs McMaster & Dr Mirrington – Class
Teachers**

Mrs Scott – Teaching Assistant

Mr Cullen – Student Teacher

The Romans



Writing

At the start of this term we will be focussing our writing on the story of *Romulus and Remus*. We will learn about the features of myths and have a go at writing our own version of part of the myth. Later in the term, we will also look at writing personal recounts in role as Romulus.



Reading

Our core text will be *Romulus and Remus*. Children will have whole class reading skills sessions where they will deepen their understanding of the text and their level of comprehension. We will also read a range of other Roman myths and non-fiction texts in order to learn more about the Romans. We will be focussing on the reading skills of prediction, retrieval of information and inference.



Maths

This term we will move on to learning strategies for multiplication. We will begin with making physical and pictorial arrays before learning formal methods. We will also be moving on from shape and grid work to length, perimeter and area.

PE

PE is on a **Monday and Friday**. On Fridays children will be taught by specialist coaches. This term, they will be learning basketball skills. Children should wear normal uniform on PE days and bring their PE kit to change into at school: a **white T-shirt, black shorts / joggers** and **plimsolls** (indoors) / **trainers** (outdoor). This can be kept in school.



Homework

Children will bring home times table books to practice on **Wednesday**. Their orange books should be returned to school on **Monday**. Spelling and topic homework will be sent home on a **Friday** and needs to be returned on **Thursday**. Spellings will be checked on a Friday.

Bags and Books

Every child should have a bag to carry their reading book and reading diary in school every day. Please try to read with your child as often as possible and record it in their reading diary. Reading diaries will be checked by class teachers on Tuesday and Thursday. Children can bring in their own books from home to read or borrow from our class library.

Science

This term our unit is states of matter. The children will compare and group materials as solids, liquids or gases. They will be looking at changes of state when substances heated or cooled. We will also identify evaporation and condensation in the water cycle

R.E.

The children will be learning about Buddhism. Their big question is 'Is it possible for everyone to be happy?' We will be learning about the life of the Buddha and learning about Buddhist beliefs and teachings.

Computing

This term's unit is all about computer animation. Specifically, stop frame animation. The children will be learning the principles of this method before making their own stop frame animations. This is part of their wider learning about computers as a tool for creating media.

History

We will begin by learning about the founding and expansion of the Roman empire. We will explore why the Romans invaded Britain and how Britain changed during Roman rule. Later in the term, we will use historical sources to investigate what life was like for the Celts living in Roman Britain and the reasons that Boudicca led a rebellion against the Romans. At the end of the unit, we will consider the lasting impact of the Romans on Britain, answering the question, "What did the Romans do for us?"

Art and DT

In Art, we will study examples of Roman mosaics before designing and creating our own.

Later in the term, we will create our own Roman shields so that we can reenact being a part of the Roman army!

German

This term children will be taught German by Miss Klepac on Fridays.

Music

Singing and Recorders

Children will have a singing session with Mr Herrington on Wednesday each week. They will also be learning to play the recorder. We will be developing the range of notes that we can play with accuracy and control and exploring rhythm and pitch. Please ensure that recorders are either left in school or returned on **Wednesday** each week.

P.E.

Monday – Gymnastics

Fridays – Basketball

P.S.H.E.



This term's unit is all about *Keeping Safe*. We will identify situations that are unsafe and people that could help us; discuss the difference between danger and risk and consider how to remain safe online.