

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Willows

Autumn 2023



Our Theme: The Romans

Our School Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Happiness, Independence, Respect

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

Autumn Term 2023

Our theme is "The Romans".

On our WOW Day, we will be doing a variety of Roman art, including designing mosaics, shields and vases.

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: Sound and Living Things. We will increase our knowledge of how sounds are made, find the difference between pitch and volume and explore how sound changes with distance. We will develop our skills in classifying by ordering living things in a variety of ways using 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 develop our knowledge of how worship and celebrations help to build these.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be improving our skills in swimming, football and health-related fitness.

History

In history, we are studying The Romans. We will be learning about how far the Roman empire extended in the world, about the conquest of Britain and then exploring what impact the Romans had on Britain. We hope to organise a visit to Roman Lincoln and to have a Roman soldier visit us at school to develop our skills and knowledge first hand!

Art

In art, we will develop our drawing and shading skills connected with the Romans topic using our sketchbooks. We will design, sculpt and carve salt dough Roman god symbols and a clay pot, as well as using pieces of tile to create and make a mosaic.

Music

In Music, we will improve our skills of how to play the glockenspiel and how to write music down in a variety of ways, including learning where the notes are on the stave. In term 2, we will be developing our knowledge of reggae, singing songs and then composing an accompaniment on the glockenspiel in the same style.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk/key.html homework will be set on Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Our Swimming day is: Thursday

Our P.E. day is: Wednesday

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, and tables tests 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.

Dena Jones