



Emperors and Empires

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term, we hope that you had a wonderful half term break.

Our topic this half term has a history bias and is called Emperors and Empires:

This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.

The children, having understood what period of history we are looking at via timelines, will look at everyday life in Ancient Rome and the Emperors who ruled them before finding out about the Roman invasion of Britain and the hardships and rebellions they faced such as from Boudicca. Finally the children will look at the legacy of Roman Rule on Britain today.

A love for reading is vital for the children to flourish and explore all subjects. Reading texts and learning how to answer comprehension questions will again play an important part of their learning. Please do spend time at home enjoying a book with your child, a few minutes of reading a day soon adds up to an hour of reading! We are currently not able to send reading books home. You can access free e-books on: www.oxfordowl.co.uk or visit your local library.



Spellings are set weekly on Monday and tested on Fridays. We want children to learn their spellings and use them in their writing. The spelling test will include spellings from previous weeks, just to ensure that they are retaining the words. The spellings to be learnt this half term can be seen in the table below. The spelling patterns are taught in

school along with all of the words. This gives every child the opportunity to access a whole variety of vocabulary.

Spellings to learn this half term are:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	
<i>forget</i>	<i>Begin</i>	<i>divide</i>	<i>marine</i>	<i>Behave</i>	<i>active</i>	
<i>forgotten</i>	<i>Prefer</i>	<i>subdivide</i>	<i>submarine</i>	<i>misbehave</i>	<i>inactive</i>	
<i>beginner</i>	<i>Preferred</i>	<i>subheading</i>	<i>submerge</i>	<i>mislead</i>	<i>incorrect</i>	
<i>beginning</i>	<i>prevent</i>	<i>subtext</i>	<i>subway</i>	<i>mishandle</i>	<i>insight</i>	
<i>length</i>	<i>library</i>	<i>material</i>	<i>medicine</i>	<i>mention</i>	<i>minute</i>	

The class are organized into groups. The children only need to learn the spellings that co-ordinate in colour to their group number:

Group 1 *blue*

Group 2 *blue* and *green*

Group 3 all



In Maths the children will deeper their learning on numeracy skills and problem solving and will revisit key place value concepts to deepen their understanding. They will also cover geometrical units e.g. properties of shape.

In addition to various sporting events planned this term for everyone in school, Oak class have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays Any ear-rings must be taken out or covered for the lessons and long hair is to be tied up. The children will focus on striking and fielding games and athletics.

In Geography the children will look at maps and the places the Romans settled in in Britain and the distance travelled from Rome

In computing the children will research subjects and produce a presentation on a chosen aspect of Roman life.

In art the children will study and create their own roman mosaics.

In RE the children study a unit from The Emmanuel Project entitled: What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God?

The PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship & Economic Education) lessons will be centred around what it means to be part of a group and valuing the similarities and differences between themselves and others, and ending the term celebrating achievements and setting personal goals and in the area of mental health and emotional wellbeing looking at positive ways to deal with setbacks.

In French the children will recap how to read, write and say greetings and learn how to ask and answer questions about places in town and link that knowledge to parts of a Roman town.



When your children are in school, please remember to send them in with a coat, sun hat, water bottle and lunchbox (if needed). As we come into the summer, sun cream may be needed. Please apply before coming into school. Please remember that no toys, drawings or stationery are to be brought into school. Regular hand washing throughout the day will happen along with thorough cleaning of tables, surfaces, equipment and door handles.

The Topic Homework follows. A choice of activities based on the topic have been given, this can be completed throughout the first half of the Summer Term. Please send the topic homework in electronically through seesaw. The homework needs to be completed by Friday 9th July

Many thanks for all your support!

From The Oak Class Team





These are the exciting home learning topic activities for Oak Class for this half term.



The children should challenge themselves and complete two out of the twelve tasks below (pictures of the learning can be uploaded on SeeSaw or emailed in) by Friday 9th July

Learn how to spell the names of some of the Roman Emperors Or Research and write about a Roman Emperor	Make your own Roman mosaic using cut paper, pasta shapes, seeds etc. Keep the design simple!	Write a short story based in Ancient Rome
Research Roman tools and make a model or draw a picture of one and explain what it was used for.	Create your own Roman coin based on what the Ancient Roman ones looked liked	Create your own sheet of maths sums (with answers) using roman numerals
Find an Ancient Roman recipe and make that dish!	The Romans wore togas. See if you can make a toga and take a photo of you wearing it!	Enjoy a Roman meal as a family - dressed in togas?

	Write some instructions for how you made the toga.	
Make a sculpture of a Roman statue e.g out of playdough, sugar craft paste etc	Find out about a Roman building, then make a model of it using any material you wish e.g lego, recyclable materials etc.	Draw a picture of a Roman god or goddess. Add information to the picture. What were they god of? Did they have special powers?



These websites are full of information and will help deepen your child's knowledge of the Romans and support them with their homework learning activities:

<https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-rome.html>

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_rome.php

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqtf34j>