

Leylands Class

Autumn 1

Half Term Curriculum Letter

Rotten Romans

English

We will be spending this half term writing different types of recounts. Firstly, we will focus on the structure of a diary entry, while we read about the fictional life of a Greek girl who became a Roman slave. Then we will be writing a newspaper article about the events when someone escaped Pompeii, as the volcano Vesuvius erupted.

There will be a focus on expanding our vocabulary, as well as, improving and extending sentences using appropriate parts of speech.

There will be a weekly spelling list included in the homework each week based on the NC requirements.

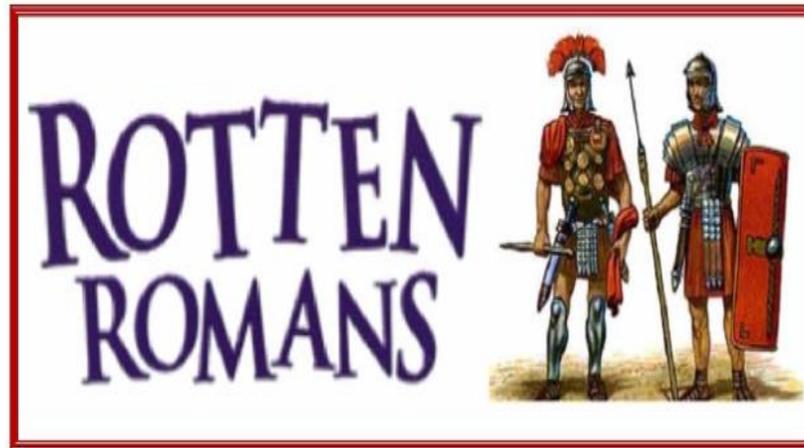
PSHE

We will be discussing the core values and how they look in our classroom. There will be a focus on mindfulness, 'bucketology', with the children developing their personal and social awareness and a review of the growth mindset values.

Maths

Times-tables mastery will be a focus throughout this year, with the onset of the Year 4 statutory test in the Summer Term. (Practising at home will be a must!)

This half-term, the focus will be on place-value and number sense. This will include delving deeper into reasoning and problem-solving activities, where we will be learning to explain our thinking when playing games and solving challenges. This block will conclude with applying our understanding to different representations for addition and subtraction.



Art/DT

We will be designing mosaic tile patterns in art and DT, while researching and constructing Roman shields for battling as a centurion, in DT.

Music

We will be learning songs about Roman culture, Roman numerals and other related music to illustrate the topic.

Topic

The topic will focus on life in Roman Britain.

We will look at the impact the Roman culture has had on our country and the legacy that remains today.

The 'Hook will be a taster day, followed by the 'Marvellous Middle', when we will visit Colchester castle with a date TBA in mid-October. Our 'Fabulous Finale' will be a Roman culture day, where we will dress in togas, make mosaics and re-enact how a Roman legion fought in battle. Hopefully 'The Horrible History Movie will also be out on DVD so the children can review what they have learned in a fun way.

R.E.

We will be looking at Hinduism this half term, focusing on the different beliefs and teachings, as well as, places of worship and festivals that are celebrated. We will be linking this to the big question, 'by what rules should we live our lives?'

Science

We will be covering different concepts that link to our topic. These will include 'states of matter', where we will learn about reversible and irreversible changes in materials. Also, we will look at different forces, as we try to understand the best ways to throw an object.