



Learning Exploration: Roaming Romans

Teaching Year 4 students about Roman Britain is beneficial for several reasons. It builds upon their prior knowledge of Ancient Egypt in Year 3 in which they were introduced to the Romans, fostering critical thinking and historical comparisons. Living in Devon, an area with history relating to the Roman Era, and studying this period provides a rich the learning experience, connecting us to our community's history and building cultural capital. This exploration aims to equips pupils with research and analytical skills and providing insights into Roman governance and daily life to support their future history learning in Year 5 and 6.



Hook into learning:

Children will have the opportunity to interview a 'real life' Roman, who will share information about who he is and what life is like for him.

Journey through the exploration

Children's learning will be structured around the following key questions:

- When were the 'Roman Times'? What was happening in Britain at that time?
- What was the Roman Empire? Who was in charge?
- Why did the Romans come to Britain?
- How do we know about the Romans in Britain?
- How did the Romans improve life in Britain?
- Why did some Britons resist Roman occupation?
- Why did the Romans leave Britain?



Parent/Carer Curriculum Information

Year 4

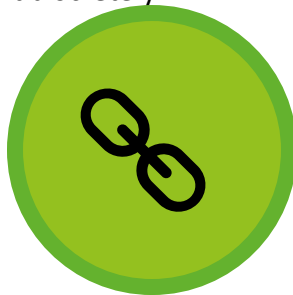
Linked subjects

Through this exploration, learning will be linked where appropriate, including in the following subjects:

- Literacy (Non-Fiction Hybrid Text)
- Reading
- Art (Painting)
- History (Roman Britain)
- Kingfishers PE (Dance)

The following subjects will be taught discretely:

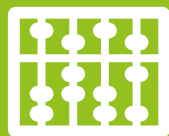
- PSHE (Celebrating Difference)
- PE (Gymnastics)
- RE (Hinduism)
- Primary Languages (French)
- Science
- Music



Maths

Children will explore:

- Multiplication
- Division
- Area



Writing

Children will explore the following genres of writing:

- Hybrid texts: *Everything you need to know about snakes and other scaly reptiles* by John Woodward
- Narrative: *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers

Opportunities for writing across the curriculum:

- History - Source enquiry (How do we know about the Romans?) Writing from the perspective of a Roman or a Briton.
- Double Page Non-Fiction Page – What can we learn from the Romans?
- Science- Classifying animals and experiment write ups.



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Opportunities to build cultural capital

Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said, and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

At NCSPA, we aim to build cultural capital through experiences such as trips, visitors, music and providing local links.

For Year 4, options this term may include:

- Visit from a 'real life' Roman.
- Roman box of artefacts from Barnstaple Museum.
- Christmas Performance.
- Visit to Exeter

Opportunities for shared outcomes

Children will have the opportunity to produce or take part in one or more of the following:

- Christmas Performance
- Interview with a 'Real Life' Roman
- Roman themed Dance



Opportunities to address Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- Roman Empire- Diverse mix of cultures. Children will be given the opportunity to discuss how men and women were treated differently in Roman times and link to present day values.
- PSHE- Celebrating Difference.
- RE- Hinduism



Further curriculum information

If you would like any further information regarding the curriculum, please:

- Speak to Mr McMillan, Mrs McGuire or Miss Vickery.
- See your child's class information on Seesaw.
- Contact Mrs Louisa Buttel (Curriculum Leader), through the school office.
- Visit the Curriculum pages on our website.



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