

Welcome to Phoenix Class

This term the children will be learning about the Romans! We will be focusing on...

Geography/History

This term we will continue to explore the Romans. We will understand what Britain was like before the Romans. The children will investigate the rise of the Roman Empire and how it had an impact on the Roman invasion of 43CE. The children will learn about the laws and the rules that were created and how this impacted the lives of others. They will also understand the legacy left by the Romans and its impact on subsequent British history.

Science

Light - Our topic for this term is 'Light' and the children will explore how light travels, how shadows are created and learn about reflection and refraction of light. They will have a chance to explore a range of equipment and they will continue to use their exploratory skills to complete a number of practical investigations. They will further develop their understanding of fair testing and accurate recording.

English

This term, we will be using 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo to inspire our writing tasks. This story is an epic re-telling of an original Anglo-Saxon legend where Beowulf has to destroy the monster Grendel. Their writing outcomes will be some exciting character descriptions, setting description, a focus on creating suspense and integrating dialogue in narrative. Their final outcome will be a re-telling of the story, to include all of the skills they will have practised over the course of the term. Beowulf will also form the basis of some of our reading sessions, alongside non-fiction texts about the Romans, poetry on conflict and other fiction writing based on this theme.

Learning Journey title

Raging Romans!

Maths

The focus for our learning this term is to develop a deep understanding of fractions. The children will learn how to find equivalent fractions, simplify and order fractions. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions, including using these skills to solve problems. Year 6 will also learn to multiply and divide fractions and start to convert between metric and imperial units. Year 5 will look at some data analysis, including tables and line graphs. The arithmetic challenge will continue to be completed weekly.

P.E.

PE will be taught on Wednesday and swimming will continue on Thursday. All children should come in to school in their PE Kits on Wednesdays. The main focus for this term will be gymnastics. In addition to this, we will be completing the Daily Mile and have other active brain breaks throughout the day.

Rules

**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

R.E.

In R.E this term we will continue to learn about community in different religions with a particular focus on the belief of Ahimsa in the Hindu religion.

Computing

The children will use an online website called Purple Mash and this term they will learn about online safety and then complete a unit on spreadsheets.

P.S.H.E.e.

Celebrating Difference - This is the second piece of our mindfulness Jigsaw approach to PSHEe. The children will investigate what we believe 'normal' to be before looking at things that make us different, how the choices we make affect others and finally we will be celebrating difference.

Art/DT

We are continuing our focus with cityscapes. The children will be exploring different artists work and experimenting with their style of materials. We are focusing on water reflections and details in cityscapes. We will then be completing a final piece.

Music

Due to swimming, music took a back seat last term so we will complete the unit this term on 'Music and Technology' using the recorders.