

Ancient Rome

Year 5

Summer Term



Our final topic of the academic year looks at Ancient Rome. To kick-start the topic, the children will explore the history of Ancient Rome via pictorial evidence provided by Roman coins. The children will develop an understanding of how Roman coins can provide an insight into life during the Roman Empire, most notably, providing a timeline for key events during this period. The children will design their own Roman coins in the sketch pads before creating their designs using clay.



After our coin design lesson, the children will move onto the topic of History where the children will first learn about the founding of the Roman Empire (including, its origins, the development of a ruling system and law and order). After, the children will learn about the importance of the Roman army (most notably in its assistance in the Empire's expansion). This will be followed by the children learning about the expansion of the Roman Empire across Europe and the Middle East. Next, the children will study one of the most famous rebellions against Roman occupation - Boudicca's rebellion, where the children will discover how people

felt under Roman occupation and what they did to express their feelings. Finally, the children will look at the fall of the Roman Empire and its impact on global history - judicial systems, urban planning -buildings and roads and aqueducts.



The children will also participate in Art lessons every Friday, where they will produce artwork linked to their topic, including, designing and creating their own Roman mosaics, designing and creating their own shields and helmets to become Roman soldiers, sketching detailed portraits of significant figures from Rome (including: Julius Caesar, Gaius Caesar, Remus, Augustus, Livia Drusilla) and creating artwork inspired by Boudicca's rebellion.



Additionally, the children will also use a Roman recipe to bake their own Roman bread!

The children will then display their learning and wonderful artwork in a museum-style exhibition where they can share their learning about Ancient Rome with their classmates, friends and family.