











Curriculum Information for Brownlee Learning Group

Autumn 2024

Our topic this term is: The Romans

<p>English</p> 	<p>Our class text this term is 'Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman. We will read it each week and answer questions to show our understanding. We will also be continuing our phonics work to develop our basic skills which we can apply across the curriculum. We will take part in a number of activities which will develop our fine and gross motor skills, which in turn will support our handwriting skills. We are playing lots of literacy games and having fun with some creative writing opportunities.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>We will begin with learning about fractions, then we will move onto time and statistics. We will then focus on position and direction. After half term we will be learning about all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will apply our knowledge to some word problems. During our sessions, we will have the opportunity to use lots of practical materials to help to embed and deepen our learning. We will also apply our learning in a cross-curricular way around school.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In Science we are learning about the topic of Light. We will examine sources of light and investigate shadows. We will be able to explore a range of scientific equipment to undertake experiments and develop our scientific enquiry skills. After half term we will be learning about Forces and Magnets. We will be working towards AQA Awards in both topics.</p>
<p>Thematic Learning- History & Geography</p> 	<p>Our thematic studies this term will be focused around 'The Romans'. We are going to learn about Roman soldiers, villas, and the empires. We will examine Roman roads and new towns that they introduced. We will learn about Queen Boudica, who is also in our class book. We will end the topic with learning about the legacy of the Romans. Our thematic learning opportunities will help to develop our chronology skills and our ability to look at historical sources.</p>
<p>Physical Development & Healthy Lifestyles</p> 	<p>In Physical Development and Healthy Lifestyles our topics are Badminton and Trampolining. In badminton we will be exploring the technique of serving and how we can use the serve as an advantage throughout game situations. Students will practice and execute the different range of shots within badminton, incorporating them into competitive matches. In trampolining we will be working through the Trampoline grading system, demonstrating skills such as: front drop, back drop and sequencing them together. Our PD&HL Days are: Monday afternoon & Thursday morning</p>
<p>RSHE/PSHE</p>	<p>We will begin our year by discussing friendships, thinking about the qualities of a good friend. We will learn strategies to help maintain positive friendships, and how we can get support if we are ever feel lonely. We will</p>

	<p>learn about things we have in common with others and discuss the importance of celebrating any differences.</p>
<p>Design Technology/Hospitality and Catering</p> 	<p>This term, in DT we will be focusing on resistant materials. We will be linking our projects to our topic 'The Romans'. We will use our skills to create roman boats. We will discuss what techniques the Romans used and develop our woodworking skills to create our own. We will also explore using textiles and learn a new printing skill to decorate a cushion using Roman designs.</p> <p>In food technology, we will explore some of the foods the Roman's would have eaten. We will explore a Mediterranean diet and create our own Italian dishes.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We begin the year by learning about Online Safety and safe communication. We will consolidate our knowledge of the safeguarding team in school and think about who we can speak to if we feel uncomfortable or need to speak to someone about online safety. We then move on to Online Searchers and Surfers and further develop our understanding of how the internet works and how we can safely use it to copy and paste information.</p>
<p>Outdoor Learning</p> 	<p>In outdoor learning this term, we will be focusing on developing our campcraft skills. We will look at how we can keep ourselves safe in the outdoors, learn how to light a fire safely and cook food around a fire, as well as how to use outdoor tools properly. We will investigate our local area and explore how we can engage in surrounding areas safely.</p> <p>Our outdoor learning day is: Wednesday afternoon</p>
<p>Art and Design</p> 	<p>In Art and Design, we will practise the elements of line, shape, texture, pattern and colour. We will then use our skills to design and make a Roman shield for Boudicca. We will also use collage to make mosaics, using small pieces of coloured paper to create a Roman soldier. We will consolidate our skills already learnt and this will also help us to develop our gross and fine motor skills.</p>