

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of Central Class,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. We are looking forward to a summer filled with exciting learning and memorable experiences. This term, our main topic is Roman Britain. The children will explore why the Romans invaded, how they lived, and the lasting impact they had on our country. We will learn about the Roman army, their impressive engineering feats like Hadrian's Wall, and key historical figures such as Boudicca. Through this topic, the children will compare life in Roman times to that of the native Celts, gaining a deeper understanding of how life changed for people during that period.

In English, our writing will be closely linked to our Roman learning. The children will be developing their writing imagining themselves as people living through these times, perhaps as a Roman soldier or a Celtic villager. In the upcoming term, we will be reading *Romans on the Rampage* by Jeremy Strong, *A Gladiator Stole My Lunchbox* by Thiago de Moraes, and *So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome* by Chae Strathie. We will also enjoy some imaginative stories from *A Necklace of Raindrops* by Joan Aiken and Jan Pienkowski, which will complement our work in other subjects.



Our science work will begin with a focus on plants, looking at how they grow, the functions of different parts, and the life cycle from seed to flower. Later in the term, we will explore light, learning about how we see, how shadows are formed, and the importance of protecting our eyes from the sun.

In our creative subjects, the children will be designing and creating Roman busts and Celtic pots. They will explore different sculpting techniques, learning how to shape and add detail to their work. In computing, we will be using Scratch to create sequences of sounds and later move on to designing simple games using events and actions. Our RE lessons will first focus on Salvation,

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looking at the Easter story and what it means to Christians, before exploring how Muslims, Humanists and people with other worldviews approach some of life's big questions.

We will also be thinking about how to stay safe online as part of our PSHE lessons this term, and later, we will explore ideas around jobs, careers and the world of work. The children will reflect on their own aspirations and the skills they might need for the future. In French, the children will be learning how to talk about food, places, and clothing, as well as practising simple conversational phrases.

PE will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons, where we will be developing defending and attacking skills through team games and swimming lessons will be taking place on **Wednesday** mornings throughout the start of this term, so please ensure your child brings their swimming kit each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch on Classdojo. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

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