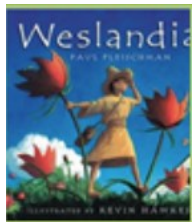


Lower Key Stage 2— When in Rome (Summer 1st 2026)

Core Texts:



Year 3



Year 4

Immersion Day: Learning about Roman life in Britain.

- Roman mosaics
- Now Press Play experience.



Session 1 - I am learning to enquire why the Romans invaded twice.

Look at maps of the Roman empire and explore why they wanted to control these Islands, looking at what minerals and commodities they wanted.

Examine where, when and how the Romans invaded. Consider the two attempted invasions and why they failed, and why Claudius was then successful.



Session 2 - I am learning to understand why the Roman army was so successful in building up the Roman empire

Children to examine images of Roman armour. Draw and label to show their understanding of how these items work so well for the Romans.

Research the requirements for a man trying to join the Roman army.

Write a job advert persuading men to be in the army.



Session 3 - I am developing an understanding of how we know about life in Roman Britain and especially on Hadrian's Wall.

Identify where Hadrian's Wall was built, thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of the site. Look at an artist impression of the site and investigate what evidence they used to create it.

Children to look at the images of the original Vindolanda tablets. Why are they important?

Session 4 - I am learning to enquire why some tribes did not welcome the Romans and some did. Assess sources for accuracy and bias, developing my historical interpretation skills.

Discover who the Iceni were. Read through the description of Boudicca by Cassius Dio—how reliable was this?



Session 5 - I am learning to investigate how the Roman's influenced the culture of the people already living here

Children to investigate how Celt tribes lived. How did this change when the Roman's arrived.

Compare the similarities and differences between the Roman and the Celtic tribes.



Session 6 - I am learning to present and communicate my understanding to a variety of audiences.

Create a fact sheet about the Romans for another class and prepare an oral presentation.

Art—Summer 1st—Printing mosaics.

Session 5 - I am learning to explore and discuss mosaics as an art form brought to Britain by the Romans

Chd to look at examples of archaeological finds from Roman times e.g. walls, pillars, jewellery, pots.

Look at Roman mosaics and design a selection of borders using two or three colours.



Session 6 - I am learning to develop printing technique, including control and use of materials

Chd to study examples of Roman mosaics and begin printing a practice border. Notice the repeating motif/pattern e.g. castle top, chequerboard



Session 7 - I am learning to design a central motif for a printed mosaic and evaluate the finished piece.

Chd design and create their central motif, using original sources e.g. images of gods/goddesses, birds, animals and mythical creatures.

Sketch design and then print it. Evaluate how effective their technique was.



P.E.

Year 3: Athletics, Dodgeball

Year 4: Gymnastics, Tennis

ICT: PurpleMash

Year 3: Coding

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Being Safe in a Digital World.

Music Charanga

Year 3: Enjoying improvisation

Year 4: Expression and improvisation.

RE: Emmanuel

Christian— Why do Christians believe they are people on a mission?

PHSE: 1 Decision

Year 3: Looking after our world. Summative assessment. Is it safe to play with?

Year 4: Baseline assessment. Chores at home.

French: Language Angels

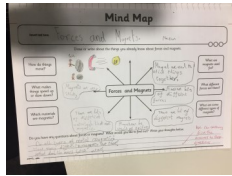
Year 3: French phonics, greetings.

Year 4: French phonics 2, clothes.

Science - Forces and Magnets

Session 1: I am able to retrieve my prior knowledge of forces and magnets and generate some questions.

Children to complete a mind map showing what they already know.



Session 2: I am learning to compare how things move on different surfaces

Children will test how far a toy car is able to travel on different surfaces, predicting which surface will be the most and least effective.

Car	Type of surface			
	A	B	C	D
Test 1	2.5m	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m
Test 2	2.5m	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m
Test 3	2.5m	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m
Average	(2.9)	(1.9)	(1.6)	(1.7)

Session 3: I am learning to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet.

Children will use different types of magnets to test a range of materials making predictions about whether or not they will be magnetic.

Session 4: I am learning to describe magnets as having two poles and predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other.

Children discuss the magnetic poles and investigate what happens when same or opposite poles are put together.



Session 5: I am learning to notice that some forces need contact between objects but magnetic forces can act at a distance through attracting or repelling.

Children to look at a range of objects/games and investigate whether they require the contact of a push or pull to act or not.



Enrichment Opportunities

Farm visit
Colchester Castle

