

Ancient Rome

Beech Class
Summer Term 2021



As Historians we will be:

Looking at life in Ancient Rome, their homes, society, lifestyle and their beliefs.

After half term, as Geographers we will be:
Looking at the countries, climates and the geographical challenges of the Roman Empire.

As Scientists we will be:
Learning about light and how we see things.

As Artists and Designers we will be:
Looking at Roman art including mosaics, armour and shield design and claywork, We will also be working with a local collage artist Alfie Carpenter later in the term.

In RE we will be:
Thinking about life after death and will investigate what Christians believe in a variety of ways, including a visit to the churchyard. After half term we will consider the beliefs and practice of Buddhism.

As Musicians we will be:
We will be learning the songs for the summer production.

Computing we will be:
Learning to construct virtual 3D models.

In French we will be:
Finding out how to order food and ask for things in the shops.

In PSHE we will be:
Learning to deal with change.



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Spring Term 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to the Summer Term in Beech Class. This is always a big term for our Year 6s as they come to the end of their time in primary school and make the transition to secondary school. Of course this year, things will be a little different but we're hoping to make the most of opportunities as restrictions gradually lift and things hopefully start to return to normal.

Firstly, our focus is to finish the curriculum and also catch up as much as possible with the gaps in learning from lockdown. You will know by now that we will not be having official **SATs tests** this summer. However, the upper schools require academic levels for the children and the trust has decided that all the children will be taking an equivalent set of tests towards the end of term in June. We want for your children to do as well as they can in these tests, for their own development and also because the upper schools will use this information to set the children in maths and English groups and we'd like them to have the best possible start next year. Therefore, the children have all been given their own revision books which they have been working on since Easter. These contain the full curriculum so if the children work through them thoroughly as homework, go through the answers with you at home and let us know if there's anything they don't understand. At the same time, please continue to ensure your child reads every day and takes the time to properly practice their spellings and tables.

Throughout the term, we are also doing a topic about life in Ancient Rome. The details of this are attached. This will mostly be in their literacy, art and humanities lessons and will be fitted in and around all of the term's other activities.

Towards the end of the term, in place of the residential, we will be organising a really exciting '**Activities Week**' which will include lots of fantastic and memorable experiences and adventures, full of team building challenges, personal challenges and lots and lots of fun! More news on this to follow very shortly.

We are also hoping to put together a short **play** at the end of term. The details and logistics of the gathering of the audience and the performance are still subject to the lifting of restrictions and therefore yet to be confirmed but we'll keep you posted.

There will also be a leaver's assembly and an end of term party which we will give you more information on as we know what's possible. As always, thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and talk to us.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Sharma & Mr Vaughton.