SUMMER 1 2024 – 2025
OAKS CLASS

TOPIC: EMPERORS & EMPIRES

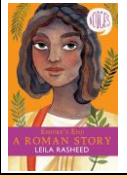


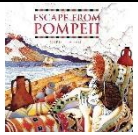
As readers, we will engage with whole class texts and short texts based on the Roman Empire to improve our inference, sequencing & summarising, retrieval, explanation and predicting skills whilst learning new vocabulary. We will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and 'Empire's End' by Leila Rasheed. We will be reading for pleasure as much as we can in order to build vocabulary, discover new worlds and grow our imaginations.



As fitness enthusiasts, we will be engaging in athletics and orienteering in **PE**. We will refine techniques and show precision when throwing, catching, running and jumping. We will use maps and plans, negotiating with peers and take the lead, solving more complex tasks in small groups. We improve and evaluate our performance.

We will be taught by Total Sports and Miss Collins.







As tolerant citizens, our learning will help us to answer the big **RE** question, *What would Jesus do? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21st Century?* We will explore the teachings of Jesus and look at how they inspire today's Christians, discussing how they benefit the world within our school community, locally, nationally and globally. We will look at themes such as love, forgiveness, justice and fairness.



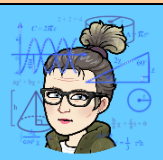
As musicians, we will play compose melodies inspired by lullabies, sing with accuracy and expression and show an understanding of why lullabies are sung to babies. We will explore ¾ and 4/4 time signatures.



As historians, we will be focusing on the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. WE will explore the power of the army, timelines and the spread of the empire and go into detail about Boudicca and her rebellion.



As computer scientists, we will be **programming.** We will design, write and debug programmes, use conditional statements, inputs and outputs. We will test our programmes for bugs and use our knowledge and understanding to fix them. *We will be taught by Mr McKenna*



As mathematicians, we will systematically review and practise our previous learning every morning by completing UFO task sheets. We will look at shape, statistics, position and direction and converting units.



As linguists, we will be answering questions about ourselves, describing planets and recalling and using familiar vocabulary. And all of this will be in French!



In **Commando Joes sessions** we will work together on important skills related to Spartacus. As a team of gladiators, we will follow in his footsteps, escaping gladiatorial training school and taking refuge on Mount Vesuvius. We will take part in battles to defeat Roman forces and avoid being recaptured, learning that teamwork and perseverance are paramount in ensuring success.



As writers, we will be writing to inform in relation to the topic of *Emperors and Empires*, writing factual recounts in the form of a newspaper articles. We will also write a diary entry – a day in the life of a Roman soldier / Boudicca. We will continue to focus on presentation and handwriting, grammatical and spelling accuracy and effective editing. We will be making ambitious and precise word choices, immersing ourselves in technical vocabulary and emotive language.



As scientists, we will be continuing our topic from last half term – Animals including Humans – where we are identifying the parts of the circulatory system and understanding the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.



As design technologist, we will be cooking authentic Italian food, looking at the importance of healthy eating and using a range of techniques. Yummy!



As reflective thinkers, we will be looking at digital wellbeing in **PSHE**. We will discuss how to stay safe, happy and healthy online whilst developing safe and respectful online relationships. We will learn how to use social media responsibly and identify bullying behaviours and strategies to assess online reliability. *We will be taught by Mrs Cressy.*

PE DAYS: Tuesday and Friday

HOMEWORK: given out on a Monday, handed in the following Monday. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and practise their times tables in order to gain rapid recall of facts up to 12x12