



Our topic this term is: What did the Romans do for us?

Brampton Ellis Church of England Aided Primary School

NOTICEBOARD

Outdoor PE is on Wednesdays.
Please make sure you have warm clothing for our outdoor PE session.

Swimming replaces our indoor PE session on a Friday.

DIARY DATES

Avocets' class assembly will be on Thursday 30th January and we have begun rehearsing for this, this week.

SWIMMING

Swimming sessions are on Friday afternoons and continue until Friday 27th March 2020.

HOMEWORK

MyMaths homework will go live every Friday and will be due the following Friday. Please ask if you require a paper version of the homework.

Children all have a Times Table Rockstars account, which we encourage them to use as often as possible. As part of the Y4 curriculum, they are expected to be fluent in all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year.

Children also have reading records for any reading done at home. These will be checked daily and children will receive a team point for every time they read.

LITERACY

This week in Literacy, we wrote our own persuasive advert for a Roman villa, using the features and skills that we learnt about last week. We 'magpied' ideas from last week's exemplar text, using powerful adjectives and the superlative to make the villa sound the very best. We then edited and improved our writing.

MATHS

In Maths, we continued and completed our unit on area. We made and drew shapes with a given area and then used 'greater than', 'less than' or 'equal to' to compare shapes with different areas.

Once we had completed our short post assessment on area, we moved on to our next topic – fractions. We began by looking at different ways that we can represent fractions and found out that a fraction is a part of a whole. We also learnt what an equivalent fraction is and looked at how to identify and find these.

SCIENCE

Our science topic for this half term is 'Sound'.

We learnt that sounds are caused by particles vibrating the air around an object. We investigated this further by observing different items making a sound, such as a guitar string being plucked or a tuning fork being struck. We looked to see if we could actually see the object vibrating as it made a sound.

OTHER SUBJECTS

Topic: Our new topic for the next term, up until Easter, is 'What did the Romans do for us?'

This week, we looked at a different version of the story of Romulus and Remus and noticed there were quite a few differences from the first version, as this is a legend that has been passed down through generations, mostly orally. We made story-boards to summarise the key points.

RE: We read an extract from the Gospel of Matthew (4: 18-19) and thought about what the two fisherman, Simon Peter and Andrew had to give up in order to follow Jesus.

Spanish: Continuing on our 'mi casa' unit, we learnt and practiced saying the Spanish words for different rooms in the home.

Art: We continued developing our mosaic making skills by creating a background using mosaic tiles, ready to put an image over the top.

Computing: This half term we are starting a new unit of work using the coding programme, Scratch. We continued our work on Scratch editing our character and adding backgrounds and sounds.

Outdoor PE: We have started a new unit on basketball and this week developed our dribbling and passing skills.

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