

Topic overview – Year 4/5/6 2023/2024

	Spring (full term)
Topic name	Masters of the stars: The Romans
Big question	How did the Roman occupation of Britain impact our society today?
Memorable experience	John Ferneley college music performance Mosque visit Roman Day
Outdoor learning	Re-enact the Roman Invasion of Britain, Roman army formations Create an outdoor Solar System
Linked books	Escape From Pompeii Roman Rewind Thieves of Ostia Non-fiction texts related to topic – The Romans and Earth and Space.
Reading aims	 Retrieve information from non-fiction books Identify themes in fiction Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning Discuss the books that they read
Writing aims	Non-chronological reports on a fantasy planet / creature - use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied - Use organisational and presentation devices - Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity Journalistic writing – newspaper reports on alien discovery and events related to the Romans - Use the passive voice to affect how information is presented - Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis - Use the present perfect form of verbs Narrative writing based on Escape From Pompeii - Use figurative language to describe characters, settings and atmosphere - Use a wide range of cohesive devices - Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
Speaking & listening aims	 use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates gain and maintain the interest of the reader
Maths aims	Fractions, decimals, and percentages (6 weeks) Measurement (3 weeks) Geometry (3 weeks) Assessment (1 week)
Science aims	 Earth and Space (linked to DT) Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system Describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth Describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky
History aims	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain: -Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC -The Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army -Successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall -British resistance: Boudicca -'Romanisation' of Britain including early Christianity



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Geography	History focus this term.
aims	locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe
DT aims	Design a pop-up book and toy to explain the movement of the earth, moon and sun - Design and make a pop-up book which uses a range of mechanisms - Design and make a soft toy - Develop their skill in sewing, following a pattern and adding decorative elements - Follow a design brief accurately - Evaluate each other's work
Art and design aims	DT focus this term
Music aims	 appreciate and understand classical music (Holst's Planet Suite) improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory use and understand staff and other musical notations
Computing aims	Digital Literacy (E-Safety) Children will learn to apply online safety rules to real life scenarios. Information Technology – Stop Motion Animation. Children will learn to: - create a storyboard for their animation - record small movement of characters to ensure smooth transitions - edit and improve their work - use software to create their own stop motion animation
PSHE aims	 Economic wellbeing: Identify negative and positive influences that can affect career choices Discuss and understand the risks associated with money, how some people might lose money and the importance of tracking money Explore ways of overcoming stereotypes in the workplace
PE aims	Gymnastics: Children will learn to: Develop control their jumps – take off and landing Move in different ways, varying height, direction and style Combine different effectively e.g. running and jumping Create a routine using a combination of movements Hockey/Tri-Golf: Develop ball control Learn different techniques and strategies Develop an understanding of the rules of the game Know how to warm up and cool down safely and the effect of exercise Swimming: Develop water confidence, stroke technique and stamina in the water
RE aims	How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim? - What do we already know about Muslims and Islam? - What does the opening chapter of the Qur'an teach Muslims about God? - Why does prayer matter to Muslims? - Why is the mosque a special place for Muslims? - Why do Muslims celebrate at the end of Ramadan? - How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims? What can I learn from this? What kind of a king was Jesus? - How do biblical texts help us understand the Christian idea of a Kingdom of God? - What do Christians believe God's kingdom is like?



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	 How do Christians put ideas about the Kingdom of God into practice in their everyday lives?
Foreign Ianguage aims	Y4 My home. To say where you live and what is in your house. Family To be able to say who is in my family, the pets I have looking at plurals and adjectives of colour. Y5/6 Weather and fashion. Describe what the weather is like and say what the weather is like in different parts of France. Name clothes you like to wear using details and based on occasions. Understand how adjectives are used in France. My town and jobs. Describing what there is and isn't in a town, linking this to where we live and providing opinions. Naming professions and saying what we would and would not like to do.