

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Willows

Autumn 2025



Our Theme: The Romans

Our School Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Happiness, Independence, Respect



Welcome to the Willows! We are all looking forward to a brand new academic year working together on lots of exciting topics.

Autumn Term 2025
Our theme is "The Romans".
On our WOW Day we will be doing a variety of Roman art, including designing mosaics, shields and vases.
For our Exit Day we will be setting up a Roman museum and inviting parents and friends to come and see all the work we will have done during the term.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in fiction with historical and adventure stories linked with our Romans theme. We will also be increasing our knowledge of features of reports and explanatory texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are learning about place value and the size of numbers. We will then move onto the calculation skills of addition and subtraction, as well as developing our knowledge of how to combine these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be practised on a daily basis, in preparation for the Government's Year 4 Multiplication Facts Check in the summer term.

Science

In Science we are studying two themes, Sound and Living Things. We will increase our knowledge of how sounds are made, find the difference between pitch and volume and explore how sound changes with distance. We will develop our skills in classifying, by ordering living things in a variety of ways using keys.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. We will develop our skills of speaking, listening and turn-taking as well as our knowledge of how we can be ourselves and work with others.

RE

In R.E, we are focusing on the question 'Why do we celebrate?' We will be developing our questioning skills about celebrations in our own lives as well as those linked to different religions. After half term, we will focus on communities in Hinduism and develop our knowledge of how worship and celebrations help to build these.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be improving our skills in swimming, football and health-related fitness.

History

In History, we are studying The Romans. We will be learning about how far the Roman empire extended in the world, about the conquest of Britain and then exploring what impact the Romans had on Britain. We hope to organise a visit to Roman Lincoln and to have a Roman soldier visit us at school to develop our skills and knowledge first hand!

Art

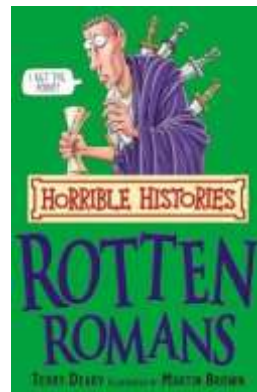
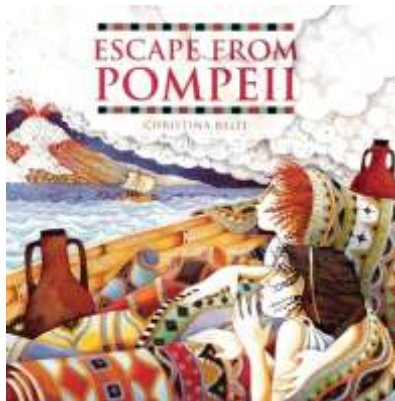
In Art, we will develop our drawing and shading skills connected with the Romans topic using our sketchbooks. We will learn all about Henry Moore and use this knowledge to design, sculpt and carve salt dough Roman god symbols and a clay pot, as well as using pieces of tile to create and make a mosaic.

Music

In Music, we will improve our skills of how to play the glockenspiel and learn how to write music down in a variety of ways, including learning where the notes are on the stave. In term 2, we will be developing our knowledge of reggae, singing songs and then composing an accompaniment on the glockenspiel in the same style.

Class Readers

Each term, we have a number of books, both fiction and non-fiction, that link in with our topic. These books are very popular and give us a greater hook and deepen our understanding of a certain era or area of the curriculum. We read these special books daily in our class. This term's main books are below. If your child has a copy of this book at home, they are most welcome to bring them into school and read them alongside the class teacher at these times.



Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Our Swimming day is: Thursday

Our P.E. day is: Wednesday

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a Friday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to prepare for both of these each week.

Please continue to hear your child read and complete their Reading Record book at least once a week, more often if possible. The children are asked to read 4x a week at home and this is proven to make a large difference in their learning. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help. Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. If you feel you can help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you, and, as always, if you have any queries about anything, please pop in to see me.

Thank you.

Dena Jones