

Year 3

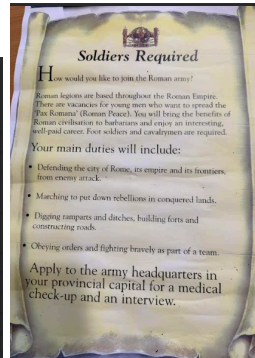
St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'

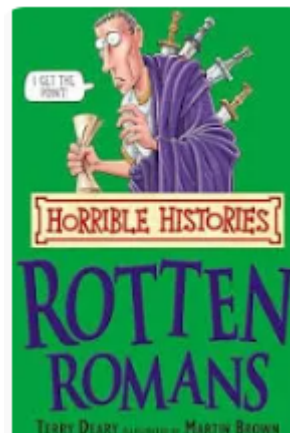
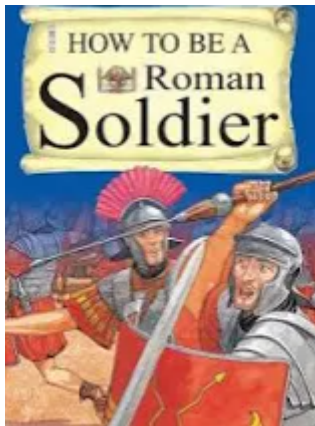


Summer 1 - Learning Overview

The Hook



The Text Drivers



Outcome 1 - How to be a Roman soldier - Explanation text

Outcome 2 - Rotten Romans - Mini Saga (short narrative)

What we will be teaching:

English:

Explanation: The children will be developing their skills in writing clear and detailed explanation texts, focusing on both structure and accuracy. They will learn to identify and apply technical vocabulary linked to their topic, such as legionary, shield formation, or centurion when writing about a Roman soldier. They will organise ideas into paragraphs around a theme, use fronted adverbials to show when or how something happens, and include causal conjunctions to explain reasons. They will also apply apostrophes for plural possession accurately. Alongside this, children will practise planning, drafting, and editing their writing so they can refine ideas and improve clarity and presentation.

Mini Saga: Year 3 children will be developing the key skills needed to write a powerful mini saga inspired by The Rotten Romans. They will learn to organise their writing into logical chunks, creating a clear sequence of linked sentences. To add variety and sophistication, they will extend their sentences using a wider range of complex conjunctions such as when, if, because, and although. They will also use varied nouns and pronouns to keep their writing cohesive, alongside fronted adverbials to signal when or how events happen. Children will expand detail through carefully chosen vocabulary and use conjunctions to show time, place, and cause. Finally, they will explore how the present perfect (e.g., he has marched into battle) contrasts with the simple past (e.g., he marched into battle) to add depth and clarity to their storytelling.

Maths: This half term in Maths, the children have got lots of exciting learning ahead! They will be building confidence in telling the time to the nearest minute, using both 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. They will also be exploring multiplication in a variety of fun and visual ways, using arrays, number lines and bar models to help bring the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables to life. Daily practice will continue to support fluency, and the children will begin applying their knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems. Alongside this, they will also be strengthening their understanding of place value and number facts up to 1000, including number bonds. The children will also have opportunities to develop their problem-solving skills through practical activities, including those involving capacity.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://play.trockstars.com/>

History/Geography: Year 3 will be learning about how the Romans changed life in Britain, looking at things like roads, buildings, language and everyday technology that we still use today. They will develop their history skills by asking questions, using evidence and comparing life then and now. To bring the topic to life, the children will visit Fishbourne Roman Palace, where they will see real Roman mosaics and artefacts to deepen their understanding.

Science: The big question for science this half term is - Why can you see your reflection in a mirror but not the floor? The key ideas for learning will be:

- There must be light for us to see.
- Light comes from a source.
- We need light to see things, even shiny things.
- Light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes

ART/DT: The children will be creating their own Roman pots, developing key art skills such as shaping clay carefully, adding simple patterns and textures, and using tools with control to create authentic Roman-style designs.

RE: Year 3 will begin their learning on the Hindu festival of Holi with a visit from a guest speaker, who will help introduce the story of Prahlad and the themes of good and evil. The children will discuss what good and evil means, act out the story using masks and puppets, and learn how Hindus celebrate Holi today. They will compare Hindu beliefs with their own ideas, think about examples of good and evil in the world, and talk about how positive actions can come from difficult situations. Through this work, the children will learn that courage, kindness and doing what is right are important themes in the story of Prahlad and in the celebration of Holi.

Computing: Year 3 will become familiar with the terms 'text' and 'images' and understand that they can be used to communicate messages. They will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve pre-made documents.

Music: Our music for this half term will focus on **rhythm** (long and short) and **pitch** (high and low sounds) and how these elements can be represented by musical symbols. The children will be taught that these symbols can be written on a staff and named with special musical names. We will explore the notes, crotchets and minims, and see how these notes can fit on the lines and spaces of a staff.

PE: Year 3 will be developing their **Outdoor and Adventurous Activity** skills by working collaboratively to solve problems, follow simple maps, and navigate challenges that require communication, teamwork and strategic thinking, while also building their **athletics** skills through improving running technique, jumping for distance and height, and performing simple throws with increasing power, control and coordination.

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

French: Year 3 will be learning to recall and pronounce numbers 11–20, name the days of the week and months of the year in French.

PDL (PSHE) : Being My Best - which will help children understand how to make positive choices for their wellbeing and learning. They will think about what helps them stay healthy, how effort and practice help them improve, and how their actions affect themselves and others. The children will also learn strategies for staying motivated, setting simple goals, and recognising their own strengths so they can be the best version of themselves both in school and at home.

Messages to parents:

Please ensure that payments are made via Arbor for the trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace.

A polite reminder that children should leave toys and stationery at home.

Remember to check the St John's jottings weekly for dates of upcoming events in school. This is emailed each Friday and is designed to keep our community up-to-date on important events in school.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

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