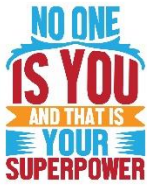
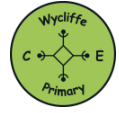


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Mrs Foster, Miss Thompson, Mrs Reddy & Mrs Dar

Our topic this half term is:



Romans

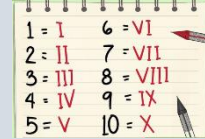
Ash & Pine

English

This half term we will be composing pieces of writing based on the Romans. We will be writing a non-chronological report about the Romans and their lives. Next we will be writing our own Roman story based on our class text, 'Vita and the Gladiator'. We will be focusing on using the correct punctuation consistently in our work.



Maths



In Maths we will start by focusing on place value with a key emphasis on understanding numbers to 1000. This will include counting, rounding and comparing these numbers, and we will begin to explore Roman Numerals. We will also develop our understanding of addition and subtraction of 2 and 3-digit numbers before moving to 4-digit numbers.

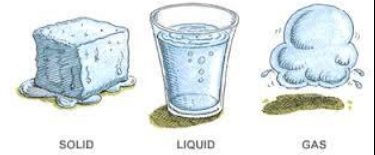
History and Geography

Our big question is, 'What did the Romans ever do for us? In History, we will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, including attempted and successful invasion and the 'Romanisation' of Britain. Geography work this half term will focus on Roman settlements with key links to counties and cities of the UK.



Science

Our Science unit this half term is States of Matter, with a main focus on solids, liquids and gases. We will learn how to compare and group materials, observe that some materials change state when heated and cooled and explore a variety of everyday materials.



PE

This half term we will be developing our skills in hockey and volleyball. We will break down the specific skills needed and then build up to playing team games.
Ash PE days – Tuesday and Friday
Pine PE days – Wednesday and Friday
 Please make sure jewellery is removed and hair is tied back.



Art

This half term, we will be looking at a range of mosaics along with learning how they were made in the Roman times. Then we will be using these ideas to plan, design and make our own. We will also be designing our own shields with the Roman Army in mind!



French In French we will be learning how to introduce and present ourselves using basic greetings working on our pronunciation.



Music

We will be using Charanga to help us to appreciate and understand music and develop an understanding of the history of music.



RE

Our Big Question this half term is: What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? We will understand how Hindus worship and show their faith within the families and communities in Britain today.



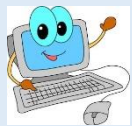
PSHE

In PSHE our primary focus will be on health and well-being. We will discuss how we can manage and express our feelings and emotions, and understand how our behaviour can affect others.



Computing

During our computing lessons we will be learning all about the internet, what it is and what it is used for. We will consider why it is an important part of our lives. We will also re-cap the importance of staying safe online.



Reading

In school, we will listen to your child read at least once a week. We would be grateful if your child could read to an adult at home as often as possible. Please ensure that your reading book and reading record are in school every day. Record any reading in your reading record. Try to access Accelerated Reader from home as much as possible. This is a great resource for regular reading and comprehension quizzes!



Homework

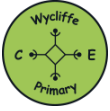
We will have weekly spellings and learn by hearts. The half-termly project is to be creative using our Romans topic! Our spellings will go out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. You can use Spelling Frame to help learn your spellings. Please bring your homework folder to school every week.



Times table Rockstars

Regular practice of timetables supports all areas of Maths. Throughout the year knowing all of the times tables facts will be a huge focus any extra practice you can do at home would be fantastic! Make sure that you take part in the weekly competitions set by Mr. Holdsworth to earn a reward in school!





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