



Reading

Our class text for this term will be S.F. Said's *Varjak Paw*. It tells the story of an adolescent cat, Varjak, who is overshadowed by his show-off older brother and struggles to see himself as worthy of his family's grand ideas about themselves and their breed. Will he learn the secrets of The Way of Jalal and rescue his family? We will continue to develop our reading skills by predicting, inferring, clarifying and summarising.

Writing

Much of our writing this term will support our topic learning about the Romans. We will start with a recount of our Roman afternoon with Hands On History, before moving on to some non-fiction writing about the Roman army, before writing letters in role as Roman soldiers.



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Maths

Children will continue to develop their mental arithmetic skills, which are vital foundations upon which the rest of their mathematical learning can be built. Times tables will continue to be a key part of this learning.

We will continue on multiplication to work with factors, solve scaling problems and use multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 to solve problems.

History

This is a History topic and will begin with a visit from Hands On History, when we will learn about the Roman Army. We will use this as a foundation to explore why and how the Romans invaded Britain and look at how the Celts, led by Boudicca fought back.

Art

Our art learning for this term will be collage based: we will design and make mosaic pictures.

Music

We will learn to listen critically this term, focussing on the ideas of timbre, texture, dynamics and rhythm. We will link this to our topic by listening to Gustav Holst's *The Planets Suite*, which links the planets to their associated Roman gods.

PE This term's PE will focus on basketball - using attacking and defensive strategies effectively as a team.

Science

This term in science, we will be exploring the digestive system as a part of the Animals including Humans unit. Our learning will follow the order we eat and digest food: we will learn about the different types of teeth and their roles, what happens in the stomach and the intestines before moving onto food webs. As well as learning theoretically what happens to food, we will also create models to visualise it.