



The Glapton Academy

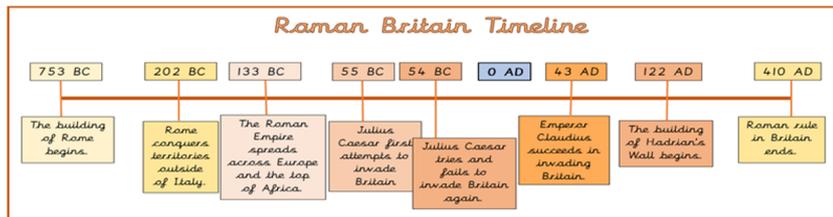
Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2021



Topic

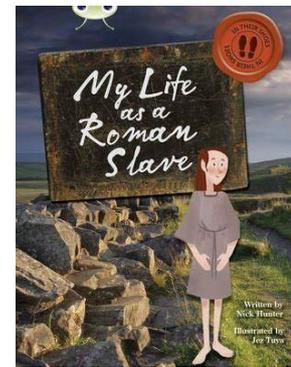
Our topic this half term is Rampaging Romans. As historians, we will be exploring the lives of Roman people; enquiring into the stories of Roman gods and goddesses; and last but not least: investigating the impact of the Roman invasion in Britain. We will also develop our knowledge of how history is recorded by looking at timelines and a variety of sources.



Studying the Roman era will help the children to develop their investigation and evaluation skills; learn to organise information chronologically; and understand how past events have helped to shape the world that we know today.

Book recommendation

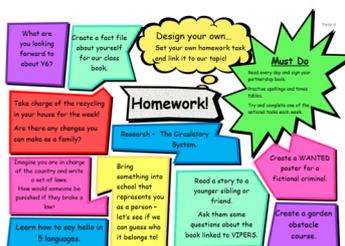
'My life as a Roman Slave' by Nick Hunter tells the story of a Roman slave. It is a piece of non-fiction text, which is a contrast to the piece of fiction that we are reading in our English lessons. Read the book to find out all about what life was like as a slave in Roman times!



Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Homework will either be an opportunity for children to ask questions about their learning, or a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school. We will also provide a homework menu, which will cover a range of different subjects and skills.

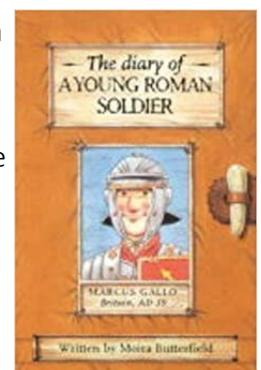
Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



English

In English this term, we will be exploring the Roman era through the fictional text, 'The Diary of a Young Roman Soldier' by Moira Butterfield. This book tells the story of Marcus Gallo, a Roman soldier who has just joined the Roman army. The children will be writing an informal letter, an information leaflet, and a persuasive advert based on what they have read. We will also be working hard to improve our GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) skills through our writing.

In reading, we will be developing a range of skills, such as inference, retrieval and predication, in order to locate information and evidence within a text and to infer how a character will be feeling and make sensible predictions about what might happen next in the story.



Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication and division. Children will be using their knowledge of these mathematical concepts to estimate answers to questions and to solve problems. We will be exploring the relationship between multiplication and division; recognising multiples of numbers in the 10, 5, 2, 4 and 8 times tables; and becoming more fluent in recalling multiplication and division facts in the above times tables.

We will continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access Times Tables Rock Stars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.

The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership books.



Maths Vocabulary

- *hundreds boundary*
- *one hundred more*
- *one hundred less*
- *tens boundary*
- *exchange*
- *factor*
- *product*
- *remainder*

Library

Our library day is Thursday. Please bring books so we can change them.

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing to use our reading reward system. Each class will become 'Reading Rocketeers' aiming to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. Children are encouraged to read at home every day and to make a note in their partnership book each time. After every 20 reads, they will get one step closer to space and will be rewarded with a token which they can 'spend' on prizes and, of course, books!



Spellings

All children will be given spelling words to learn each Friday.

These should be practised at home as often as possible and different words with the same spelling pattern will be tested in school

PE

Our PE days will be a **Wednesday and Friday** this half term.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for this day.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Trainers (outside)

Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

Friday 5th November is our Hinduism Focus Lesson on Diwali.

10th November - Whole School Drop In 9-10am.

Friday 12th November is Children in Need.

W/C 15th November is anti-bullying week/switch-off fortnight.

Wednesday 17th November is our PSHE/SCARF challenge day on kindness.

Tuesday 30th November is the day of our Roman visit (**dress up**).

Tuesday 7th December is the KS2 Christmas concert.

Wednesday 15th December is the Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Thursday 16th December is our Christmas party (afternoon).

Friday 17th December is our last day at school before Christmas.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children this half term.

*Miss Croft and
Miss Butler*