



Maple Class Term 4 Newsletter 'How did the Romans change Britain?'



Dear Maple's parents and carers,

We hope you all had lovely half term and the children had a restful break. This term, we are focusing on the Romans and their impact on Britain. In literacy, we will also be finding out about Boudicca and her Iceni tribe who launched an attack on the Roman forces. The children will be writing a persuasive speech inspired by what they have learnt about the fearless leader. For their art learning, the children will be creating abstract sculptures of animals from Pompeii.

Home learning	 Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure this is recorded on Boom Reader. A member of staff will be checking this on a Friday to ensure children are accessing reading at home. Remember, this can be reading to themselves, reading with siblings or being read to.
	 Lexia	Please can children practise at home for 20 minutes , this ensures the children complete the recommended hour of Lexia time per week. Lexia is a valuable tool to support the children with their understanding of grammar, spelling and comprehension skills.
	 Times Tables	Every child has a Times Table Rock Stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week . It is crucial that the children practise at home to support their maths in school, which relies heavily on their recall of multiplication and division facts. We have also launched The 99 Club this term to further support them with this important skill. The year 4 multiplication check is at the start of June.
	CGP	A maths or English homework sheet linked to the week's learning will be sent out on a Monday. Please can the children hand in their completed work by the following Monday.

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Why did the Romans invade Britain?
- Who is Boudica and why is she famous?
- What is Good Friday and why do Christians celebrate it?
- What do plants need to survive?
- Can you name any parts of a plant?

Key Topic Vocabulary

Britain	Romans	invade	settle	conquer	chariot	shield	Celts
	Iceni	Boudicca	Nero	villa	gladiators	fraction	
decimal	healthy	leaf	leaves	growth	water	petal	nutrients
pollination		dispersal		fertilise		Good Friday	resurrection

Reminders – Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle each day with fresh water. **ALL** school uniform ***must be labelled***, especially jumpers. PE is on a Monday and Friday so please send your child in wearing their PE clothes on these days.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Lulham, Miss Taiclet and Mrs Wood

'How did the Romans change Britain?' - Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Persuasive speech</p>	<p>Fact files</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Fractions</p>	<p>Weight</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Plants</p> 	
<p>Art</p> 	<p>Creating Pompeii animals from clay</p> 	
<p>History</p> 	<p>How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?</p> 	<p>Why did the Empire fall?</p> 
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Rights and Respect</p> 	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Creating Media – website design</p>	
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'?</p>	
<p>French</p> 	<p>On the move</p>	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Setting words to music</p>	
<p>P.E.</p> 	<p>Tennis</p>	