



# A Taste Of Italy



Long Mynd Class Autumn Term 2021

## Overview & Key Questions

This History and Geography topic will focus on the many influences of Roman life on Britain whilst also learning about key events such as the invasion of Britain, Hadrian's Wall and Boudica's resistance. We will be comparing Italy with our own surroundings by learning about its climate and physical Geography; we're sure that the children will be keen to learn about its volcanoes.

What was the impact of the Romans invading Britain? When did the Romans invade Britain? How did the Britons react to the invasion? What made the invading Roman army effective?

### Maths

Maths will continue to follow the National Curriculum and there will be lots of fun to be had by exploring Roman Numerals. Our main themes will be place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, area, length and perimeter. You can help your child in this subject by rehearsing times table and addition facts; we like Hit The Button! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### English

English lessons will be firmly based within the Italian theme as we will: learn about the spellings patterns that we have inherited from the Latin language; read Roman myths; read and write information pages based on the theme. You can help your child in this subject by practising the year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list <https://tinyurl.com/2asrt5mx>

## Hooks & Highlights

More information to follow.

## Science

You can help your child with this term's Science learning next time you go for a walk—I wonder what natural life you might spot. We will be learning about the animals and plants in our environment and will be developing vocabulary in particular, such as: mammal, reptile or invertebrate. We will also explore the digestive system of humans and how best to care for our teeth.

## Religious Education & Christian Values

This term's Christian value is: Perseverance

We will be asking the question, 'What is The Trinity?' during RE lessons, and later in the term the class will learn about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

## The Wider Curriculum

PE will include gymnastics activities and a range of invasion games. PSHE lessons will focus particularly on how to be a resilient learner, cooperate with others and discuss how to meet new challenges positively. Design Technology activities will include developing a small buggy to be powered by just an elastic band! Music lessons will involve composing music with a gladiator theme and creativity will continue in Art as we look at the paintings of famous Italian landmarks and try to recreate the style ourselves. We will also ask the children to see if they can design their own mosaics. The class will have lots of opportunities to use our Computing resources as they research this topic, but they will also be developing their programming skills by using 'Kodu' and designing a drum machine on Scratch.

## Homework Project

A separate information sheet will be provided. Your task is to make an artefact for our Roman Britain museum (no larger than 30 cm would be helpful) and write its accompanying information card. Try visiting the library to help you choose and learn about a suitable artefact.

## Key Routines & Dates

Spelling homework is tested on Mondays. Your child will also receive, alternately, an English or Maths task, also to be handed in the following Monday please. Information will also be found via Class Dojo. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.