

Dear Parents,

This half term our topic is all the Romans and their impact on Northumberland. This will be building on their prior learning in KS1 and 2 of Castle defences, stone and invaders. They will learn about how the Roman empire was founded, how Rome was ruled, who Julius Caesar was and what areas were ruled by the Roman empire. The theme will be used as a vehicle to learn about how Roman soldiers dressed for battle and how they would invade so successfully.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs Timmins.

Our recommended read:

This half term 'Romans on the rampage' will be available at the library or in school for you to borrow and share at home.



Why many **soldiers** would be fighting in a century?

Do you think it is fair that **gladiators** were forced to fight for entertainment?



Rotten Romans



Summer 2

Why do you think the **Romans** came here?

Which countries were in the Roman **empire**?

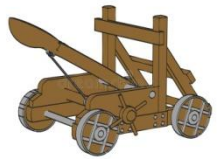
Do you think Julius Caesar was a good **emperor**?

Summer 2

Things to remember:

Monday - Chestnut forest school
Tuesday - PE Day
Wednesday - KS2 swimming
Thursday - Reading books changed
Friday - Spelling test and Willow forest school

Tues 27th June KS2 St James' Park
8th June, 16th June, 22nd June Y3
6th June, 15th June, 23rd June Y4



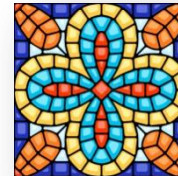
Catapult

This was an ancient siege machine that could hurl heavy objects for invasion, how could we use DT skills to replicate this in a battle?



Shield

This was a symbol of power and strength and the main Roman army symbol. How could we recreate a century formation to battle?



Mosaic

These were made of stone and glass, with the most detailed using small stones to look like brushstrokes. How could we make our own Roman inspired mosaic?

Useful words

centurion - a commander of a century in the ancient Roman army

conquer - to overcome and take control of a place by force

Emperor - a ruler of an empire

empire - a group of countries ruled by one.

gladiator - a slave trained to fight in amphitheatres

invade - to enter an area in large numbers

legion - a military unit of around 5000 men

Roman - a person who lives in or comes from Rome in Italy

soldier - a person who serves in an army