Year 3 – Why did the Romans settle in Britain? Curriculum Information Spring (1st half) 2026

English

- In English, We will read The Last Garden by Rachel Ip, a story set in a future where nature is almost gone. Children will write an extended narrative, focusing on setting descriptions and dialogue, and produce a retelling, advertisement/poster, instructional flyer, and social media-style updates linked to caring for the environment.
- For reading, will be reading The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me. We will develop skills in summarizing, questioning, and discussing the text and improving comprehension.

Mathematics

In maths, we will develop our understanding of multiplication and division, using different strategies and representations to solve problems. We will also explore length and perimeter, measuring, comparing, and calculating lengths and perimeters in practical and problem-solving contexts.

History

In history, we will explore the question "Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?". We will learn what life was like in Ancient Rome, investigating Roman buildings and daily life. We will explore the reasons for the Roman invasion of Britain and examine how the Britons responded. We will study why the Roman army was so successful and what artefacts tell us about the lives of Roman soldiers in Britain. Finally, we will learn about the legacy of the Roman Empire and how it continues to impact Britain today.

Science

- In science, we will learn to identify the parts of flowering plants and describe their functions, understand what plants need to grow and stay healthy, investigate how water moves through plants, and explore the role of flowers in the plant life cycle, including pollination, seed formation, and seed dispersal.

Our topic:

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Skills for Life

- In PSHE, we will learn about feelings and emotions, focusing on grief and ways to understand and express our feelings.
- We will also learn about computer safety, focusing on making friends online and how to stay safe and respectful in the digital world.

Art and Design/Design and Technology

- This half term, we will explore prehistoric art using charcoal, paint, and paper, learning to scale up drawings, identify basic shapes, and experiment with positive and negative prints.
- In DT, we will learn about eating seasonally through cooking and nutrition. We design and make a seasonal food tart using ingredients harvested in the UK.

Computing

In computing, we will learn about sequencing in programming by using Scratch to create simple programs with sounds and movement, understanding how the order of commands affects what happens on screen.

Religious Education

In RE, we will learn about Islam, exploring its origins, key beliefs, special places, festivals, symbols, and the Muslim holy book, while developing respect for different faiths and traditions.

How can you help your child at home?

- Ensure that they complete their homework, which is given out on Friday and is expected back on Wednesday.
- Listen to your child read their book for 20 minutes every day and discuss what they have read to check how well they have understood the text.
- Give your child opportunities to log onto the apps Times Tables Rock Stars and Century Tech to consolidate learning. Remember, little and often is best.
- Support your child to complete all of their home learning on a weekly basis, including practising their spellings for their spelling test.

Spanish

- We will learn vocabulary related to colours, as well as practice saying and writing the days of the week and months of the year.
- We will also develop the understanding of dates and practice reading and writing them.

Physical Education

We will develop our balance, coordination, and strength through gymnastics. We will practice skills like rolls, jumps, and balances, and work together to create simple routines using mats and apparatus.

Music

- We will continue to sing songs building rhythm, melody and rounds. We will continue to learn to play recorders.
- We will continue learning musical notes and how to read them.