

Maths

"Every mile marched, every stone laid and every supply counted depended upon careful measure and calculation"

This autumn term in Maths, children will build secure foundations in place value and number before developing their understanding of the four operations and fractions. They will strengthen their fluency with number facts and written and mental calculation strategies, before applying these skills to increasingly complex problems. Reasoning will run throughout our learning, with children encouraged to explain, justify and prove their mathematical thinking using accurate mathematical vocabulary.

English

"Across wild hills and forgotten roads, every breath of wind carried a story waiting to be told."

This term in Writing, we'll be drawing inspiration from our key text, *The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliffe, alongside our study of Roman Britain. Children will develop their narrative writing through rich descriptions of characters and settings, before applying their skills across a range of fiction and non-fiction writing. Throughout the term, we'll focus on developing sentence structure, vocabulary, punctuation and cohesion, while building confidence in planning, drafting, editing and improving our writing.

PE

This term in PE, children will develop their skills in team games and invasion sports, focusing on control and flexibility through hockey. PE will take place every Friday with Little Sports Coaching

DT

"With timber, rope and careful hands, an idea could become something..."

This term in DT, children will become designers and engineers as they investigate and create Roman-inspired catapults. They will research existing structures before developing their own ideas through sketches, diagrams and prototypes. Children will explore how structures can be strengthened, stiffened and reinforced.

History

"Though centuries have passed, the footsteps of Rome still echo beneath the roads and fields of Britain."

This term, we'll explore the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain through a local history study of Chester and Nantwich. Children will investigate why the Romans came to Britain, why Chester became the important fortress of Deva, and how Roman roads, trade and settlement shaped our local area.



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RE

"When the path ahead was uncertain the people held onto to courage to continue their journey.."

This term in RE, we'll explore Christianity, developing our understanding of Christian beliefs about God, Jesus and the Trinity. Children will investigate why Christians describe Jesus as the Son of God and explore ideas including the Kingdom of God, salvation and forgiveness.

Geography

"Beyond the familiar roads stretched a vast land of mountains waiting to be explored."

This term in Geography, we'll develop our understanding of the wider world by locating countries across Europe, North America and South America. Children will use maps, atlases and digital mapping to investigate countries, major cities and environmental regions, identifying important human and physical characteristics.

Art and Design

"... ancient symbols can reveal stories that words alone have long forgotten."

This term in Art and Design, we'll explore Typography and Maps: The Roman Footprint. Inspired by the Roman history of Chester and Nantwich, children will investigate typography, lettering, maps and mixed-media techniques before combining them to create their own artistic maps.

Computing

"And then ... the fire happened and I discovered... what it was to be totally alone."

This term in Computing, we'll be developing children's understanding of digital citizenship and how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Children will explore what acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour looks like.

Music

"Across the hills came the steady rhythm of marching feet."

This term in Music, we'll explore Echoes of Empire: Music of Roman Cheshire. Children will use music to bring Roman Chester and Cheshire to life, creating and performing pieces inspired by Roman roads, trade, the army and everyday life.

Science

"In every forest, field and hidden corner of the earth, life followed its own remarkable pattern"

This term in Science, children will explore Living Things and their Habitats, developing their understanding of life cycles, reproduction and the classification of living things. Year 6 will also investigate Light, exploring how light travels, how we see objects and how shadows are formed. Across both areas, children will develop their skills as scientists through practical investigation, observation, classification, questioning and evidence-based conclusions.