

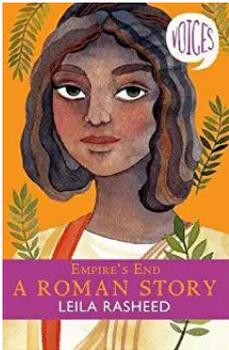


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**Headteacher – Mrs P Atwal**

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Welcome back to a new and exciting half term!



Our learning this half term is based around the global theme **Social Justice**.

We will be learning all about the Romans in our topic: *'Did people love or hate living in Roman Britain?'*

Our text, 'Empire's End, A Roman Story,' will be used to lead our learning and to inspire our **English** lessons where we will be writing a short story and a persuasive letter.

We will also be exploring different texts about the Romans, including the myth 'Romulus and Remus,' to further support our learning.

- In our **maths** lessons, we will begin with length and perimeter moving on to fractions. **Please continue to support your child at home by learning the multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 x 12.**
- In our **history** lessons, we will be learning about the Roman Empire, the invasions of Britain and the British reaction.
- In **science**, our unit will be the digestive system and teeth.
- In **computing**, we will be learning about programming.
- During **RE**, we will be discussing the question 'What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?'
- In **Art**, will we be learning about sculpture and mosaics.
- In **PSHE**, we will be learning about living in the wider world, with a focus on money, before moving onto health and wellbeing.
- In **music**, we will be learning about how music teaches us about our community and we will be creating simple melodies.
- In **Physical Education**, we will continue to **swim on a Tuesday**; and on **Thursdays** we will be learning to play **golf**.

**On Tuesdays, we will be swimming.** Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit, hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Thank you. **Lessons begin again on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**On Thursdays**, please ensure that your child wears their PE uniform to school and keeps it on all day. Children can wear shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a school-coloured t-shirt and hoodie or school jumper if cold. Please remove earrings and tie back long hair. Thank you.

### **Homework**

We will continue to set **weekly spellings** which you will find stuck into your children's reading record every Thursday. Please continue to help and support your child by **reading 3 times per week at home per week**. It is also very important that you continue to support your child with **times table fluency** in preparation for the National Multiplication Tables Check in June 2025. Thank you for supporting your children at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the school office email.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks and Mrs Windmill.