

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: The Romans

Year: 4

What should I already know?

- Know where Rome is as well as some facts about Ancient Rome (monuments, fights)
- The Romans invaded Britain in Prehistoric Britain time
- Prehistoric Britain ended when the Romans conquered.

What am I going to learn?

- The Roman Empire lasted for 700 years.
- The story of Romulus and Remus is a legend.
- Until 509 BC, Rome had been ruled by the Etruscan kings, the first of whom, according to legend, was Romulus.
- In the Roman monarchy (in which a king or queen ruled) there had been only one person in charge.
- Famous Roman emperors are Augustus, Constantine, Nero.
- The Romans were great engineers who used technology to build impressive sights.
- The Romans were very big on cleanliness as they believed that being clean would make people healthy.
- Not all children went to school in ancient Rome. It was mainly boys from rich families who went to school or had a tutor.
- The most popular form of entertainment was watching the gladiators at the amphitheatre. Gladiators were trained to kill and to die with honour.
- The Romans didn't believe in just one god but had many different gods and goddesses.
- The ancient Romans would go to the temple every day to give offerings of meat and other gifts such as flowers to the gods.

Vocabulary

Amphitheatre: An oval or round building with seats rising in rows from an open, central area used for sports and other public events.

Emperor: The male ruler of an empire.

Empire: A group of nations or peoples under one ruler or government.

Gladiator: A man in ancient Rome who fought other men or animals, often to the death, to entertain an audience.

God: A being that is worshipped and believed to have special powers over nature or life.

Goddess: A female god.

Myth: A story or group of stories that form part of the traditional knowledge of a society. Myths often use imaginative plots and characters to explain how the world began and why nature and people behave the way they do.

Mythology: A collection of myths.

Religion: A set of beliefs about how the universe was made and what its purpose is. Religion usually involves worship of a god or gods, and the belief in certain ideas about right and wrong behaviour.

Republic: A nation in which those who make the laws and run the government are elected by the people.



Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8>

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_rome.php

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>