



# Gwenfo Church in Wales Primary School

## Half Termly Overview Year 3

### Language, Literacy and Communication

**Reading and Writing:**

We will start this term looking at Newspaper reports. The children will read the Usborne beginner book 'Pompeii' and engage in media and drama to help them understand the chronology of the event as well as consider the human impact and the emotions that would have been felt during this natural disaster. The children will learn about the features of a newspaper and apply their knowledge, skills and vocabulary to write their own report about a volcano explosion. Next, the children will study and write a narrative. The children will follow the structure of the story 'Roman Adventure' and write their own 'magic key' story. It will be an adventure story where their character goes back in time to Roman times and has to escape quickly.

**Cross-curricular writing:** The children will write a diary entry as a celt, reflecting on the Roman invasion to their village.

**Welsh:** The children will be learning about 'Y corff. They will be able to talk about theirs and other bodies using the sentences Mae \_\_\_\_\_ gyda fi. and 'Does dim \_\_\_\_ gyda fi.'

**French:** The children will be continuing to practise simple greetings and simple sentences to have a short conversation.

### Maths and Numeracy

This half term we will mainly focus on Multiplication and Division. The children will:

- Recap the 2, 5 and 10 x table
- Learn the 3 and 4 x table.
- Double and halve numbers
- Work with odd and even numbers
- Multiply and divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number.
- Learn what a multiple is.
- Use multiplication and division for scaling.

Each week we will have a session where the children will rotate around 4 different activities: completing problem solving activities, using manipulatives to explore number, playing maths games and practising number facts using computer programs.

There will be opportunities for the children to apply their knowledge of multiplication and division in their topic lessons.

### Science and Technology

In ICT, the children will be learning about online communication. They will compare writing emails to writing letters. They will learn how to send an email as well as communicating with each other in Google classroom.

We will focus on 'Materials' in Science. The children will identify different materials that Roman soldiers used and will consider their properties to explain why they chose them. They will then test materials for absorbancy and waterproof qualities. Finally, they will carry out an investigation into which material would be the best to make a tent with for a Roman soldier.

## Humanities

In RE this term, our focus will be on Inspirational people. The children will learn about inspirational Christians such as Mother Theresa and think about people that they find inspirational. We will consider how Christianity was brought over to Wales by the Romans.

The children will be encouraged to think of their own enquiry questions. They will have the opportunity to engage in a range of sources to find out information about the Romans. They will consider what life was like before and after the Roman invasion in Wales. They will compare a Celtic village to a Roman fort town. We will visit Caerleon to learn more about what life was like in a local Roman fort town. The children will compare their life to the life of a child in Caerleon in the Roman times.

## Expressive Arts

This term the children have the opportunity to learn the PBuzz. The PBuzz is a plastic instrument with a mouth piece like those on brass instruments. It functions similarly to a trombone. The children will learn how to 'buzz' (into the mouthpiece), breath control and the slide technique. They will learn to play along to some popular songs and will finally perform in a concert with children from other schools.

## Health and Wellbeing

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday. We will be working on being 'quick off the mark' following a Real PE unit. We will have 3 weeks of Cardiff City sessions and will do 3 weeks of dance where the children will be choreographing Roman army dances.

During our Jigsaw sessions, we will be looking at the puzzle piece 'My Dreams and Ambitions'. The children will consider how there can be barriers to our dreams and think about how we can overcome these to achieve our ambitions. Our school value of perseverance will run alongside this learning.

# Topic Information

What shaped Wales?

This term, the topic has a humanities focus and we will be focussing mainly on the Romans. We will be considering what Wales was like before the Romans invaded, and how they changed Wales. The children will find out if there are any parts of our culture/traditions/religions/infrastructure that were a direct influence from this Roman period of time.