



# Eagle Class

## Curriculum Letter

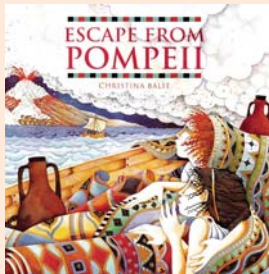


Autumn Term 1 2023

Welcome to Eagle Class! This half term, we will be travelling back in time and learning all about the lives of people who lived in Roman Britain! Below is an outline of our learning in a range of key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.

### English

Our key text in English this half term is 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. This story will be the inspiration for our own suspense narratives. We will also be doing some persuasive writing - to persuade people to live near a volcano and to join Boudicca's rebellion against the Romans!



### Maths

This half term we will be covering:

- Place value (numbers to 10 million).
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Factors, multiples and prime numbers
- Order of operations

**You can help at home by:**

Practising times tables - either using minute games or the Times Tables Rock Stars App. Quick recall of mental maths facts makes a huge difference!

**Useful websites:**

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/> (login and password provided)

<https://ttrockstars.com/> (login and password provided)

### Geography

We will be learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes: the key parts of a volcano, where they are located and what causes these natural disasters.

### History

We will be looking at how Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried the ancient city of Pompeii and how the findings helped historians gain a clearer understanding of the Romans. We will also look at how the Romans settled in Britain, who their enemies were and how they defended themselves, as well the many inventions that have changed the way we live today.

**Useful websites:**

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

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

### Computing

In computing, we will be using Scratch to develop our programming skills. Encourage your child to show you what they can do: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

### Hook Days

We are very excited about our visit to the Novium Museum in Chichester and our Roman banquet dress-up day. Children will get to experience life in Roman Britain, compare this to life today, and train as a Roman soldier! A letter with further information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

### Science

This half term, Mrs Jackson will be teaching about light through lots of fun, hands-on investigations - including how we see, how light travels and how shadows are cast.

### Homework and Spellings

This half term's homework will follow the same format as in Year 5 and a 'Homework Menu' will be sent home with your child with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. As well as these tasks, please read with your child daily (or encourage your child to read to themselves) and practise minute games and spellings. Spellings will be sent home (and added to Spelling Frame) every Friday and tested the following Thursday.

### PE

Eagle Class PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. Lessons will take place both indoors and outdoors. Therefore, please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit (trainers, white t-shirt and black shorts) in school.