

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

Useful Websites:

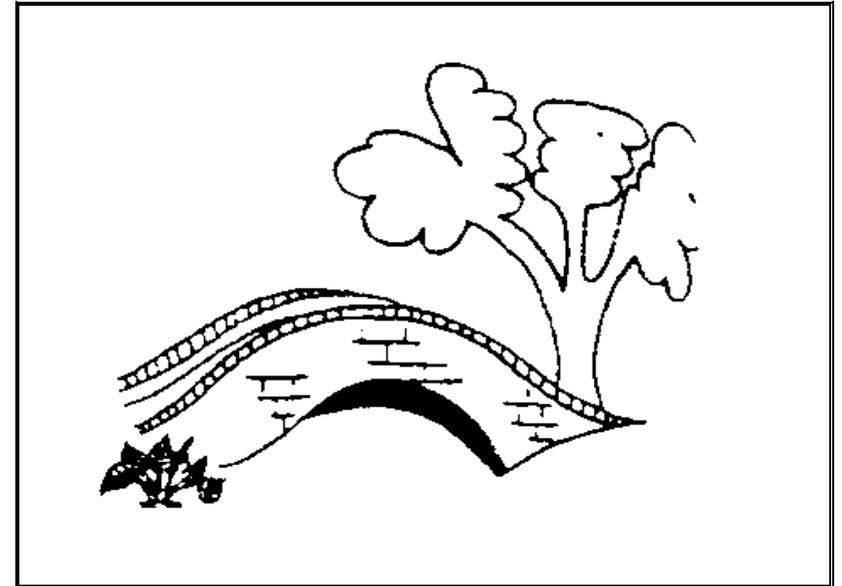
[Roman Empire - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

[The Romans | KS2 Topics | Ages 7-11 - BBC Bitesize](#)

[What are volcanoes and earthquakes? | KS2 Topic | Ages 7-11 - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Explore volcanoes - BBC Bitesize](#)

Whixall CE Primary School and Nursery



Curriculum Information for Parents

Summer Term 2025

Robin Class

English

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work. We will begin by reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii', a story set in Roman times in the fated city of Pompeii. We will use this text as inspiration for our writing for the first half term.

We will then go on to look at the features of explanation texts and write an explanation of how and where volcanoes and earthquakes occur. In addition to these lessons we will have daily spellings, handwriting and reading sessions.

Mathematics

The Year 4's will begin the term by revising their knowledge of decimal numbers and extending it to understanding hundredths. They will then go on to explore the relationship between pounds and pence.

The Year 3's will be beginning to learn more efficient written methods such as the column method for addition and subtraction and then revise the properties of 2 and 3 D shapes. In addition to these lessons we will have daily fluency sessions to revise concepts and allow for quick recall of facts.

Science In the first term, we will be learning about plant growth. We will be looking at the different parts of plants and how they contribute to successful growth, including flowers, stems, leaves and roots. In the second half of the term, we will focus on 'keeping healthy' where we will explore the importance of sleep, exercise and in particular, eating a balanced diet. The children will use the 'Eatwell plate' to help them design and make a healthy balanced meal. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

Humanities

Our topic this term will be the 'Romans', followed by a geography topic about 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. We will use the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the Roman city of Pompeii as a case study, therefore linking the history and geography together.

As part of this term's work, we will be visiting the Roman city of Chester and finding about the Romans' impact on Britain and our local area.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

We will begin the term by looking at the importance of relationships, with our friends, families. We will look at roles within the family and possible conflicts and how to cope with them. We will then go on to look at how we can be a 'Global Citizen'.

P.E.

For our P.E this term, we will be swimming at Market Drayton Swimming Baths on Wednesday mornings. There will also be cricket coaching sessions on Mondays, throughout the term.

Art and Design

Our art topic this term is inspired by our geography topic and looks at expressive art. We will study existing pieces of art as inspiration for own expressive art pieces linked to volcanoes.

Design Technology

Our DT topic uses the children's previous learning about electrical circuits to help them design and make an information poster with a 'light up' feature.

Spanish

We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout this term. The children in Year 3 and 4 will continue to develop their conversational skills, including introducing themselves, describing their family and describing the weather.

R.E. In the first half of the term, we will be exploring the question, 'what do Christians learn from the creation story?' This unit focuses on the Creation story in Genesis. In the second half of the term the children will explore the question, 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' This unit focuses on understanding and recognising the Gospel as being a book of good news about Jesus' life. The children will explore stories in the Gospels.

Computing

Computing this term will be looking at making a short stop motion video and exploring how a database works.

Music

We are very fortunate to have continued input from the Shropshire Music Service with Mrs Hawke. She will continue to teach the children how to play the Pbuzz as well as exploring a wide range of musical concepts.

The children will also be learning to perform a range of songs as part of the Shropshire Sings event.