

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: February 2026

Lower Key Stage 2: Year Four

This half term our theme is..



'Revolutionary Romans'



Welcome to the new half-term. This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters informative and useful.

What are we learning during this theme?

During this half term, the children will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. In their DT lesson they will be developing their knowledge of the Roman Army to then create their own catapults. They will also be studying sound in Science and carrying out investigations about how sound travels

You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website:
<https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading, spelling and times table practice and the expectation is that these are completed daily. Children will also be given a larger homework task to complete once a week and this will alternate every other week from being a piece of written English work, or a piece of maths work from the CGP homework books.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning of this theme. Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?

Things to do:

Make your own model villa or Roman mosaic:

[BBC - Hands on History - Romans: Activities for Families and Groups](#)

The British Museum: Life in roman Britain: [Classroom resource: Life in Roman Britain | British Museum](#)

Look up some fun activities on here:

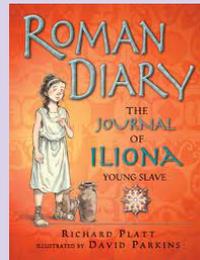
[Romans | Teaching Ideas](#)

Learn how to write numbers in Roman Numerals. Here is a song to help you to learn them:

[Roman Numerals](#)

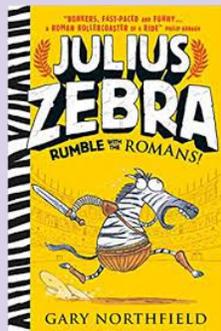
Books to read:

So You Think You've Got It Bad: A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome by Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea



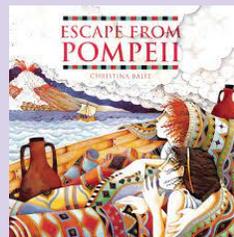
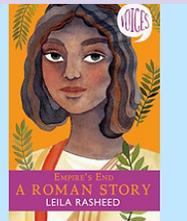
Roman Diary - the journey of Iliona by Richard Platt

The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice by Marcia Williams



Julius Zebra - Rumble with the Romans! By Gary Northfield

Empire's End- A Roman by Story by Leila Rasheed



Escape to Pompeii by Christina Balit

... and many more here : [Romans - Children's Books](#)

Things to watch:

[What did the Romans do for us?](#)

[What was life like in ancient Rome? -](#)

[Why dWhat did the Romans invent? - KS2 History - BBC Bitesizeid Julius Caesar come to Britain?](#)

[A map of Roman roads in Britain](#)

[Food and drink brought to Britain by the Romans](#)

[What was life like in the Roman army?](#)

[Life as a Roman soldier](#)

[What was everyday life as a Roman soldier like?](#)

[How Roman cities were designed and built](#)

[A tour of a Roman Villa](#)

[What did the Romans invent?](#)

[How Roman Baths worked - What did the Romans do to relax?](#)

[How Roman baths worked](#)