

Next year, you will be in:

Year 6

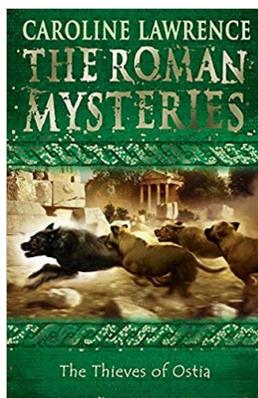
Our first topic will be:

The Romans

In year 6, we will be learning all about the Romans. You may want to find out about what it was like in Britain before the Romans came, thinking about the life of a Celt and how it all changed for them when the Romans invaded. Below are some key topic words to learn over the holidays. Can you find out what they mean and think of other words linked to the topic of Romans?

Centurion, Legionnaire, legion, Invade, Emperor, Roman Numerals, Siege machine, Mosaic, Julius Caesar, Senator

Our first science topic will be all about **how light moves and helps us to see**. Look out for rainbows during the summer, and see if you can find any optical illusions. You could try performing a magic trick using light—search for “disappearing coin trick”.



Over the holidays, try some stories set in Ancient Rome. ‘The Roman Mysteries’ series by Caroline Lawrence are brilliantly written adventure stories, and very addictive! She has also written a new series of detective books set in Roman England, ‘The Roman Quests’.

Homework Challenge!

Create a Roman board game

Carry out some research on an aspect of Roman Britain that interests you and use this to create a fun board game that can be shared and played with your classmates in September. Be as creative as you wish.



Seize the summer!

After a fantastic year at school, we have reached the summer holidays! It might seem like a long time until September but, as always, it will fly by.

Take some time to talk together over the holidays about what went well this year and any transition worries there may be. We've put together some fun activities you might like to share as a family over the next few weeks.

We've also added some information about your new year group. Some key topic words have been included, and some suggestions of books to read and activities to try linked to next year's learning.

Don't forget, you can access **mathletics** (www.mathletics.com) and **purplemash** (www.purplemash.com/ottery) over the holidays, and the superb local library has a great stock of brilliant books to share together. You can also try some messy kitchen science investigations—Steve Spangler Science (stevespanglerscience.com) has some great activities which can be done using basic kitchen ingredients.

Finally, we know the holidays may be a time where children are spending more time online. Two excellent websites to look at for e-safety tips are www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.internetmatters.org. Internet matters has a particularly useful guide to apps and games, which will help you decide if they are age appropriate.

We're looking forward to welcoming you back in September and hearing all about your fantastic summer holidays!



Following on from the success of ‘30 days of wild’, Mrs Bull is challenging the whole school to have a ‘Wild Summer’. Inside this leaflet, you will find 30 fantastic wild activities to try in the summer holidays. When you return, be ready to share your wild adventures as there will be prizes for our most imaginative wild explorers!

1) Wild fact hunt: Discover some secrets about your favourite mammal.	2) Have a wild picnic: Find a peaceful spot for a tasty snack.	3) Write a wild poem: Like many great poets, be inspired by nature.	4) Clean up your wild environment: Go on a litter pick!	5) Make a map of your garden: Record where you find different wildlife.	6) Make a wild-mobile: Use twigs, string, leaves, paper birds!
7) Switch off, Tune in! Turn off all your gadgets for an hour a day!	8) Wildlife story time: Read a book to the wildlife in your garden	9) Starry, starry nights: Go for a twilight walk and count the stars (take a grown up!)	10) Daisy chain challenge: Make the longest daisy chain you can!	11) Nature library: Make a book of wild flowers you find in your neighbourhood	12) Cloud Spotting: Take time to gaze at the clouds—what shapes do you see?
13) Wild yoga: Stretch and balance in the great outdoors.	14) Weather Wizard: Find ways to forecast the weather using nature. Sugar Kelp might help!	15) Pond dipping: Take an adult with you and see what minibeasts you can spy in the water!	16) Feed the birds: Make a bird feeder for your garden from a coconut shell or a pinecone.	17) Minibeast mansion: Research bug hotels and make a perfect habitat for a minibeast.	18) Birdsong spotter: Stop and listen to the sounds of the birds—how many can you identify?
19) Beach cleanup: When visiting a local beach, take some time to do a 5 minute beach clean.	20) HapaZone: With an adult, create some art with nature and a hammer!	21) Rock pool safari: How many different creatures can you spot in a rock pool?	22) Wild senses: Tickle your toes in the grass or smell the flowers on a wild walk.	23) Snail's pace: Find one of these fascinating creatures and watch it carefully—what do you see?	24) Andy Goldsworthy: Find out about this artist and create your own nature-art!
25) Dance in a downpour: Take some time to dance in the Devonshire rain!	26) Watch a wild webcam: On the wildlife trust's website	27) Sandcastles: Make the most creative or unusual sandcastle on the beach!	28) Mini-raft race: Make a mini raft with twigs and leaves and race it down a river.	29) Fly a kite: Make the most of a breezy day and fly a kite	30) Den building: Make a den so you can stay wild all summer!

WILD SUMMER CHALLENGE!