

### Literacy

During this half term, our literacy work will be linked to our topic- The Romans. We will begin by looking at Roman soldiers and applying the facts we learn to non-fiction texts. The children will be investigating how information can be presented in a variety of ways as well as using features such as the contents page, index, glossary and sub-headings. We shall be writing explanations and composing non-chronological reports. The children will also write letters, design characters and write job application forms based around life in Roman Britain. The children will continue their weekly guided reading and comprehension sessions. Please continue to read as much as possible with your child at home, encouraging them to re-read parts to build up fluency and expression. We are also focussing on ensuring the children pause for both full stops and commas.

The children will be expected to write using their best handwriting and the joins we have learned this far- this is something that could be encouraged at home. We have also included a list of words the children should be able to spell by the end of Year 2 in their You and Me books. Please practice these, as well as their weekly spellings, when possible. Thank you for your continued support.

### Numeracy

Number work will focus on the operations of addition and subtraction. The children will be asked to add and subtract two digit numbers as well as find the value of missing digits in number sentences. We will look at money and find ways of making an amount of money with different coins. The children will be taught the properties of 2D shapes and how to draw vertical lines of symmetry in shapes. We will also continue to encourage the development of fluency and reasoning skills as well as providing the opportunity to solve a range of problems. Children will also have the chance to work on counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Another big focus of the half term will be time. Children need to be able to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock and we will spend a large portion of the term looking at this key skill. The children will continue to receive weekly maths homework in their You and Me books so they can consolidate their learning at home.

Please tweet us using the hashtags below if you see your child showing any of our Archibald qualities.

We will continue to teach the children how to make the right choices and be **#ResponsibleCitizens**  
Through our creative curriculum, we will be **#HavingFun** whilst learning.  
We will continue to inspire and develop **#ConfidentIndividuals**

# Archibald First School



## Year 2 Spring 1 'The Romans'



### Our Lines of Enquiry

**History:** Did the invasion of the Romans in Britain impact on our lives today, and if so, was it a positive impact?

**Geography:** Why was Hadrian's wall built where it was?

### Websites

Two great websites to help your child become historians and find out new information

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

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

### Books

Escape from Pompeii - Christina Balit

So You Think You've Got It Bad- a kid's life in Ancient Rome

Romans on the Rampage- Jeremy Strong

What the Romans did For Us- Alison Hawes