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Your chance to shine

English

This half term in English we have explored two exciting units. First, we wrote a recount letter about a famous battle, describing the soldier's accomplishments and using capital letters, full stops, and modal verbs such as might, could and should. Then we created a non-chronological report about Roman mythical creatures, using co-ordinating conjunctions like and, but and or, as well as commas in a list to organise key facts. We learned how to structure information clearly and write with confidence across different text types.

History / Geography

This half term in History we learned about the Romans and how they changed life in Britain. We explored why the Roman army was so powerful, looking at their armour, formations and clever battle tactics. We found out how the Romans built roads, towns and baths, and how these ideas helped shape the way people lived. We also learned about important figures such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca, thinking about how their actions affected Britain. By the end of the unit, we could explain what the Romans brought, why they invaded, and how their influence can still be seen today.

PE

In P.E. we will be focusing on ball games and gymnastics. In ball games we will be learning the rules of basket ball. In gymnastics we will be creating and performing a group routine which includes: shapes, balances, rolls and travel movements.

Year Five

What are we learning about this half term?

Computing

This half term in Computing we learned how to stay safe online, explored why personal information must be protected and how to spot unsafe messages, fake links and unkind behaviour. We also discussed strong passwords, privacy settings and telling a trusted adult if something online feels worrying or uncomfortable.



RE

This half term in R.E. we learned that Christians believe God is holy, meaning completely perfect, pure and worthy of respect. We explored how this belief influences worship, prayer and the way Christians try to live. We also discussed symbols and stories that show God's holiness in the Bible.

Design & Technology

This half term in DT we designed and built catapults, learning how levers, pivots and tension help create force. We tested different materials and measured how far our projectiles travelled, making improvements to increase accuracy and distance. We also evaluated our final designs, explaining what worked well and why.

Maths

This half term in Maths we focused on **place value** and how it helps us understand the size of numbers. We learned that each digit has a different value depending on its position, and we practised partitioning numbers in different ways to show this. We compared and ordered numbers using number lines and inequality symbols, explaining how we knew which was greater or smaller. We also worked on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, using our place value knowledge to check accuracy. By the end of the unit, we could confidently about how numbers are built.



Science

This half term in Science we explored different **materials** and their properties. We tested objects to see if they were hard, flexible, transparent, absorbent or magnetic. We also learned how some materials change when heated, cooled or stretched. By the end, we could explain which materials are suitable for different jobs.



Art

This half term in Art we explored **Roman mosaics** and how tiny coloured tiles were used to create patterns and pictures. We studied common Roman designs, including borders and geometric shapes, before planning our own mosaics. We experimented with colour, symmetry and repeating patterns to create detailed, eye-catching artwork.