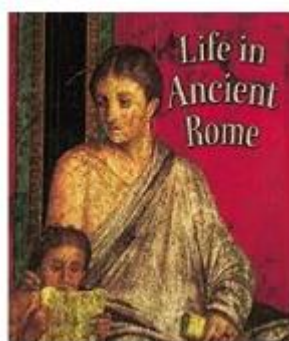


## Willow Class Year 3

## Spring Term Update

We have had a busy and productive start to the Spring term, following the Year 3 curriculum. In Literacy we have focused on the Fiction book, **Use your Imagination** By Nicola O’Byrne. The children enjoyed predicting and understanding the content and grammar in the book. Their written work each lesson shows progress and increasing use of adventurous vocabulary. Our final piece of work was a Biography about one of the main characters, Rabbit and the children had to ‘use their imagination!’.



In History we have been learning about the Roman empire. The children have learnt about the invasion of Britain, who Emperor Hadrian was, Hadrian’s Wall, Boudica’s Rebellion and how the Roman empire affected different people. We linked our History work with Literacy and the children have written persuasive letters in the role of a slave, asking their Dominus (master) to either give them their freedom or pay them a wage. The children then wrote replies in the role of the Dominus.

In Maths we have been working on Measures which have included Length, Capacity, Mass and Money. The children are making great progress answering STEM questions through using a range of calculation methods and explaining their strategies. They are experiencing and using Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract representations. Fluent in 5 has continued every morning and we have progressed onto working on addition and subtraction of both decimals and fractions as well as using the inverse and prior knowledge of bonds. TT Rockstars is being done online and on paper and we are working hard to get better at our 8X tables or all our tables!

In Science we have been learning about States of Matter – Solids, Liquids Gases. The children have really enjoyed our Scientific investigations. They

found out how to prove there is Carbon Dioxide in fizzy drinks using raisins about compared how much Carbon Dioxide was in different fizzy drinks. We have also studied the work of the famous scientist, Charles Mackintosh.

The photographs below show some our Art & Design and DT work.



One cold, frosty morning the children took photographs of crunchy leaves and then used these to produce a composition where they had to carefully match the colours, textures and patterns of the leaves. In December they also produced pop up Christmas cards to send to their families. They were festive, colourful and skilfully made!

We hope you have enjoyed reading our news so far this year. After half term we will be learning about Sound in Science, continuing with Money then moving onto Fractions in Maths and looking at a Non -Fiction text in Literacy.