

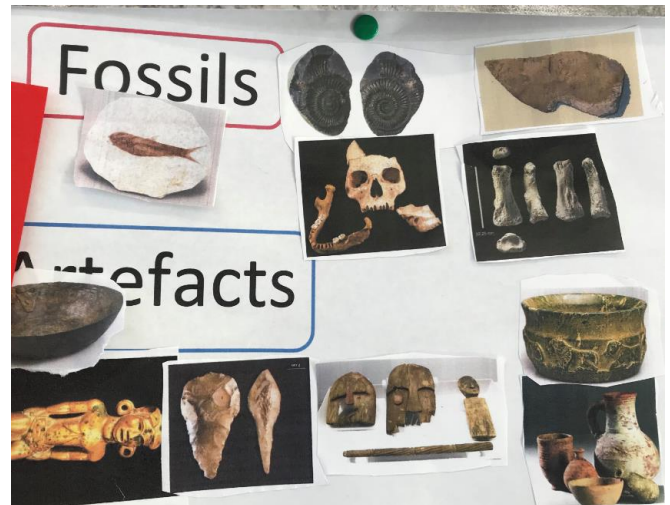
# Newsletter 2 - Teaching and Learning at RHJS



The children have all very much enjoyed getting into their new topics this half term! They have certainly shown enthusiasm for their topics and have been inspired to create some fantastic pieces of work! We thought we'd share what each year group has been up to!

## Year 3

In year three we have been learning about Ancient Britain. We have discussed how archaeologists search for artefacts and use them to predict what the past was like. We have created a timeline of events in ancient Britain and done a research project about different elements and feeding back to our class.



## Year 4

In year 4 we have really enjoyed the start of our topic about the Romans.

We have learnt about how Rome was first founded and then how the Roman Empire grew over time to become the impressive force that took over almost the whole of Europe and beyond. We researched the reasons why the Romans invaded Britain and were surprised to learn there were so many different reasons why they wanted to come to Britain. Also, we have been learning a lot about Roman soldiers and what it was like in the Roman army. We have also written persuasive letters to the army general persuading them to let us join the army! We have had so much fun exploring this interesting topic!

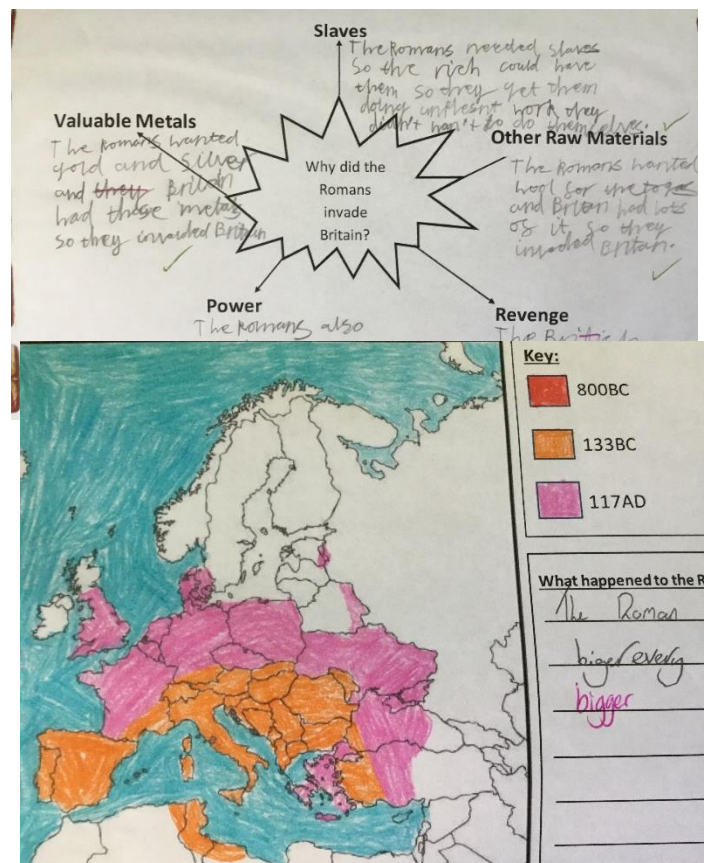
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XII Division  
Roman Army training camp  
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Dear the honourable Julius Caesar

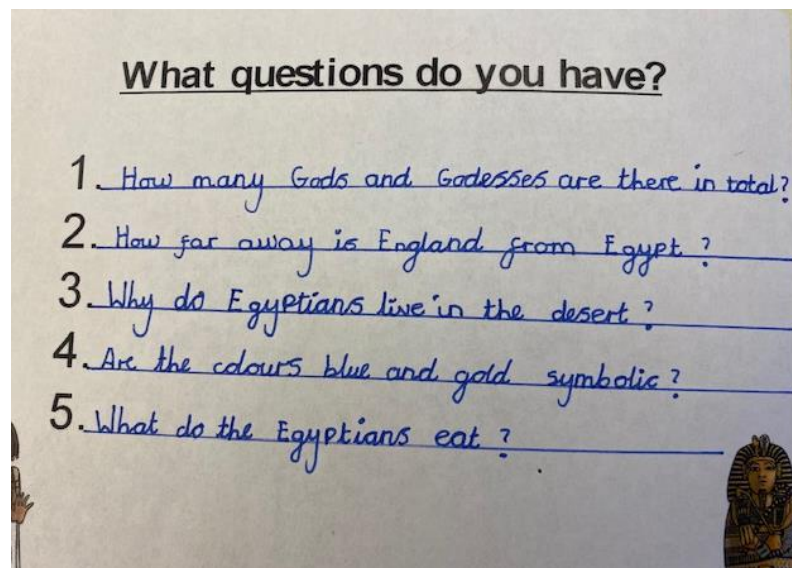
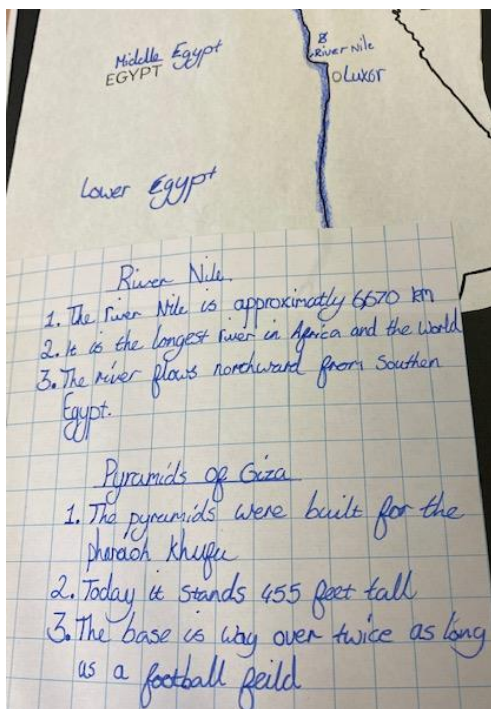
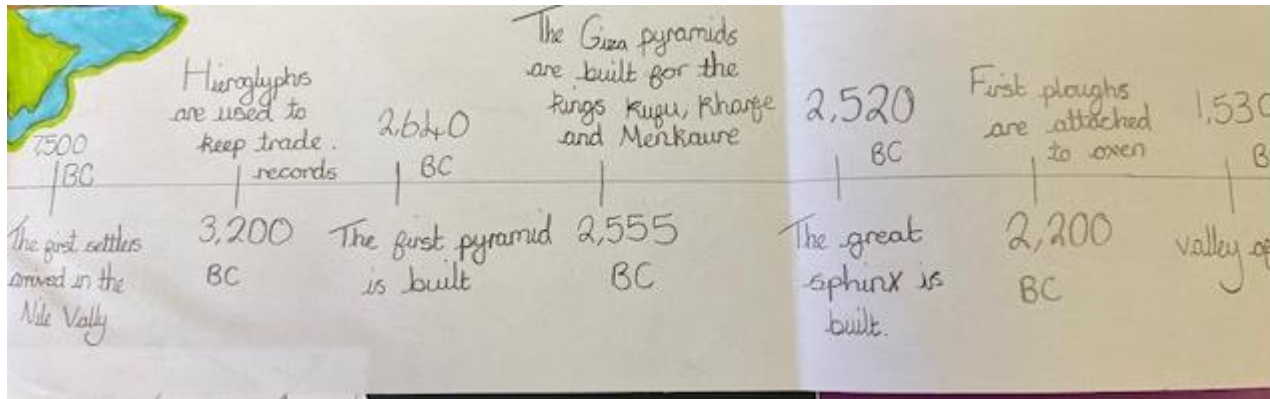
I am aware that you are looking for a new loyal, strong and invulnerable person for your army. I have heard that you are fit, noble and respectful you are to the people and they are to you. I would be very happy if I got the job. Would you like a quick-thinking, forward-slashing and hard-working soldier?

Firstly, I would like to join the Roman Army because I want to protect the army. Empires. Also I know what I get like wages, breche and a big, huge and gigantic piece of land. I will also send some money to my family. I will stay in the army for 25 years but I still will be strong, hard-working and noble. When I finish my hole 25 years of training I will be so, soon rich. Do I



## Year 5

Year 5 have started their new topic this half term and they have shown great interest in exploring into the world of Ancient Egypt! The children started the topic by generating some questions that they would like to find the answers to – hopefully throughout the topic we will be able to discover the answers! Timelines were created to establish where this time period sits within the other historical periods and then children created a timeline of Ancient Egypt. We have started to look at how technology and invaders and settlers changed the lives of ancient Egyptians.

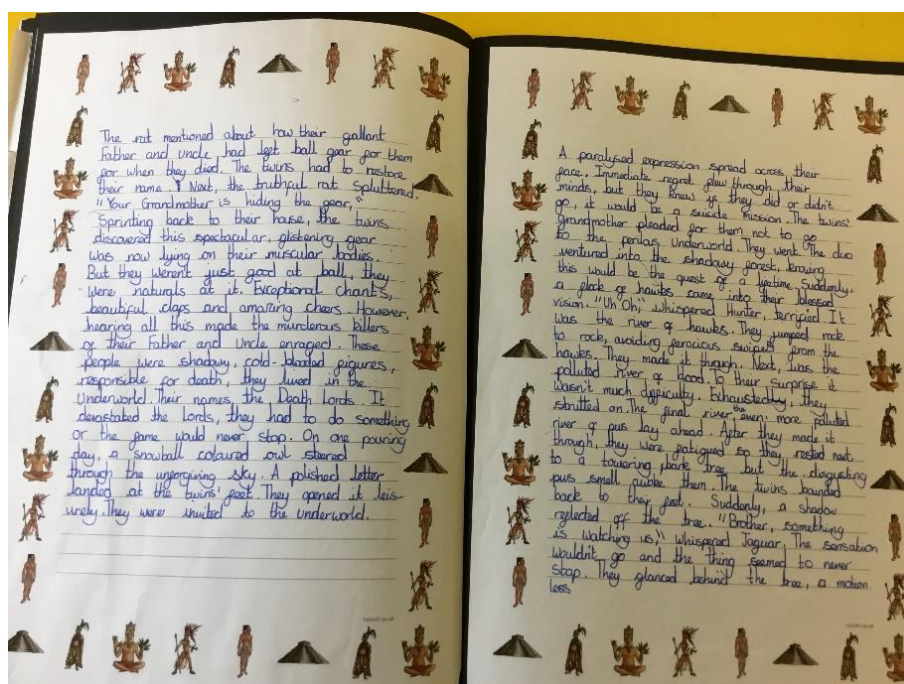


## Year 6

### Year 6 – Mayan Mysteries

Our history topic this half term has been 'Mayan Mysteries.' We began by researching key Mayan vocabulary and locating ancient Maya cities on a map. The writing and number system of the Maya is different to our own, so we enjoyed using their system to create calculations. In our next lesson, we were introduced to some of the Mayan Gods and we went on to design our own God. Since the Mayan civilisation is so different to our own, we found it interesting comparing these two societies. We had fun designing our own Maya inspired headdresses. Finally, our writing lessons have been based around the myth 'The Hero Twins'. Our teachers have been impressed with our character descriptions and 3<sup>rd</sup> person narratives.





## ICT

The children have loved getting back to their ICT lessons this half term and have enjoyed using the tablets in class. The children have been practicing accessing the new home learning platform that we have introduced and they are becoming quite skilled in using it! We have such wonderfully talented children who show such enthusiasm in these lessons.

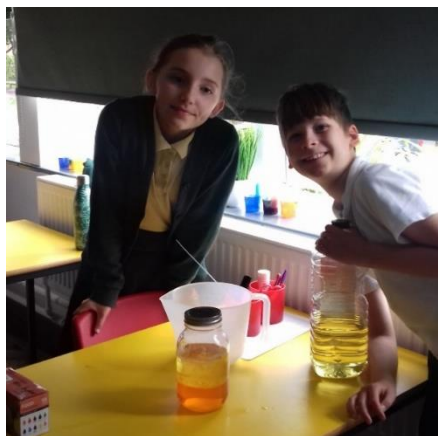


## Science

We've been having lots of fun in our science lessons this half term! We started the half term with some WOW activities! Some of the children were challenged to make water "walk" from one cup to another, using only a paper towel.....they loved watching their experiment unfold!



Some of our older children were challenged to make their own lava lamps using household ingredients. 6LF experimented with two different ways of making an effective chemical reaction – one team used an Alka-Seltzer tablet and the other team tried using vinegar and baking soda. The second one worked a little too well, as you can see!



We have also had some very interesting discussions about what science is; the differences between biology, chemistry and physics; what we think a 'scientist' looks like; and what type of scientist we'd most like to be. It has been inspiring to see how enthusiastic our children are about their learning and what fantastically creative thinkers and problem-solvers they are!

We hope that everyone has a lovely half term and we will look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for another exciting half term.