



The Romans Were Here!

A project about Roman Britain by Class 3

Overview:

This project was driven primarily through History, Art/Design and ICT/Computing. Initially the children were 'hooked' using the painting 'Vercingetorix Surrenders to Caesar' by Lionel Royer, which was analysed in detail to form questions and collect evidence on the people and time period it depicts.

The areas of interest which came up from these discussions were then used to plan subsequent learning activities. These included: Roman Army and weapons, buildings and homes, the Roman Empire and the origins of the Romans.

The children then went on to research and create reports on an aspect of the project that interested them, examples include: Soldier's equipment, Roman history and food and drink.

As the children researched the content, it was noted that their skills in using web resources and applications for presenting information needed to be developed. As such the children went on to create eBooks and digital presentations using the iPads on different aspects of Roman life.

Developing their Art/Design skills the children designed and built made replica temples, applying knowledge and understanding of 3D shapes and, shields considering the need for symmetry. They studied Roman pots and used clay to create replicas applying a range of creative tools and skills, they supported this through a museum cards explaining the origins and history of their artefacts.

The children have used maps to study the development Roman Empire, identifying the countries which came under Roman rule and a timeline of its development.

Facilitator Reflection:

This has been a really interesting project for the children which they have really enjoyed. They have especially enjoyed the creative aspects of the project, but have gained the most from opportunities to use technology in a purposeful manner, using applications which they hadn't before and are now beginning to make more informed choices about what they can do. They have been especially pleased with the simple books they have written and the shields they made.

They have been engaged in the learning throughout and many have taken opportunity to continue their learning at home, building Roman villas in Minecraft.

Pupil Reflection:

"I loved designing and painting the Roman Shields." **Y3 Girl**

"It was great using Book Creator to collect facts about Gladiator's armour." **Y3 Girl**

"I liked making the Roman Pots because I have never done that before." **Y4 Girl**

"I enjoyed learning about the Roman army and how powerful they were." **Y4 Boy**

"I liked looking at the maps and finding out the Romans conquered most of Europe." **Y3 Boy**