

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents

As a way of providing your child with the best opportunity to find out about Life in Roman Britain, we have arranged for 'History Off the Page' to spend the day with us on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Through role play and various organised activities, we will experience life as it would have been for Romans in 60AD. Using authentic tools and materials whenever possible, they will learn skills as Roman apprentices in a wide variety of workshops.

As the day progresses, the children will get involved in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross curricular activities. By the end of the day they will have a really good idea of how it felt to be a Roman at the time of the Celtic Revolt under Boudica. There will also be a storytelling session.

We would be very grateful if you could provide a simple costume to help your child feel part of the day. Please see the back of this letter for examples of Roman outfits.

If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher. We hope that the children have an enjoyable and educational experience!

Yours Sincerely

The Year 3 Team

**Costume:**

It is easy to think of Roman costume just in terms of togas, but a glance at an encyclopaedia of fashion will show very many styles. It is intended that this illustration should simplify matters in order to give children the opportunity to wear something, which is approximately correct and begin to make the imaginative leap, which is so valuable when studying the past.

- Simplest version. Just wear a knee length sleeveless tunic with belt. Any colour. You could even get away with a plain large T-shirt with a belt or a plain night-shirt.
- Half hour version - Simple shift (chiton). Rectangle of any colour but preferably not too bright. Cut hole in the middle for the head. Fold-in half. Stitch side seams, leaving gaps for arms. Tie around waist with belt.
- Any style could have a cloak fixed on both shoulders.



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- Half hour version Simple shift (chiton). Rectangle of any colour but preferably not too bright. Cut hole in the middle for the head. Fold-in half. Stitch side seams, leaving gaps for arms. Tie around waist with belt. Use firmly fixed brooches or safely pins to gather shoulders.
- Any style could have a draped mantle/shawl (Palla) on top.



