

Highly Sprung in Year 3

Autumn 1 Focus- Romans

During the Autumn Term, Year 3 have had the opportunity to work with Mark and Sarah from Highly Sprung to enrich their learning of the history topic, Romans.

Across three days, pupils deepened their understanding of life in Roman times and prepared a presentation of their learning which they shared with parents and visitors.

"I really liked being a centurion and giving my army different orders. I'm glad Mark gave me that part."

Ozzy Adamson

"I learnt how to be more reciprocal when we worked in teams to act out the eruption of Mount Vesuvius."

Jake Ashington



With the help of Mark, we learnt about life in the Roman Army and used lots of drama techniques to help us understand. We explored the process of signing up to join the army and the strict lifestyle that followed. We also worked in groups to practise different army formations, including the testudo which is nicknamed the 'tortoise'.

We created a 'woosh' to retell the events during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Rome. Working with our classmates, we developed our reciprocity by developing shared ideas to create movement and drama to represent the events.

We also had the chance to present and record two short animations, using Stop Motion Animation software. We used paper templates and images to create a Roman scene and then took a photograph of this. We then moved the images and took another photograph. We repeated this action for hundreds of different snapshots to create our animations. They were fantastic!

To compliment our learning, we also worked with partners to create Roman Army poems. We developed our creative ideas and worked hard to include descriptive language, along with elements of repetition and rhyme.

On the third day, we shared our learning with parents and visitors in the hall. We played our animation films, complete with recorded narration, and presented our dance and drama sequences. What a super week of learning we had!



"I loved learning watching our animation back and seeing all our hard work on the big screen!"

Ava Fellows