

Welcome To Italy!

Note for parents

Each year we take the children on a pretend holiday for 'holiday day'. We usually choose a country, pretend to travel there on an imaginary airplane and then once we 'land' we spend the day doing fun activities based around that country.

This year will be a little bit different as some of us are still learning from home. We will be using the following slides at school, and they have been designed to be also used at home. However, we understand that there may be some areas where activities may be different for you at home. For example, the Cafe activity requires some italian snacks.

Please feel free to change these activities in order to make holiday day work for you. Some other ideas include, making your own pizza's, using lego to make Italian landmarks, or listening to Italian music.

You don't have to share your holiday day learning with us, but please feel free to send in photos if you would like to share.

Rough timetable for school

9:00-9:30-Register and passports and boarding passes colouring.

9:30-9:40-Flight (snack and watch a video of a plane)

9:40-10:30-Italian Art (fruit faces)

10:30-10:45-Play time

10:45-12:00-Italian History & mosaic

12:00-1:20-Lunch

1:20-2:00-Italian cafe

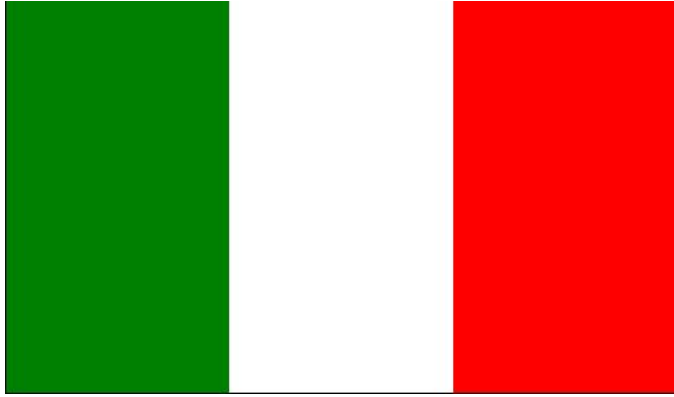
2:00-2:20-Outside play

2:20-3:00-Learning Italian



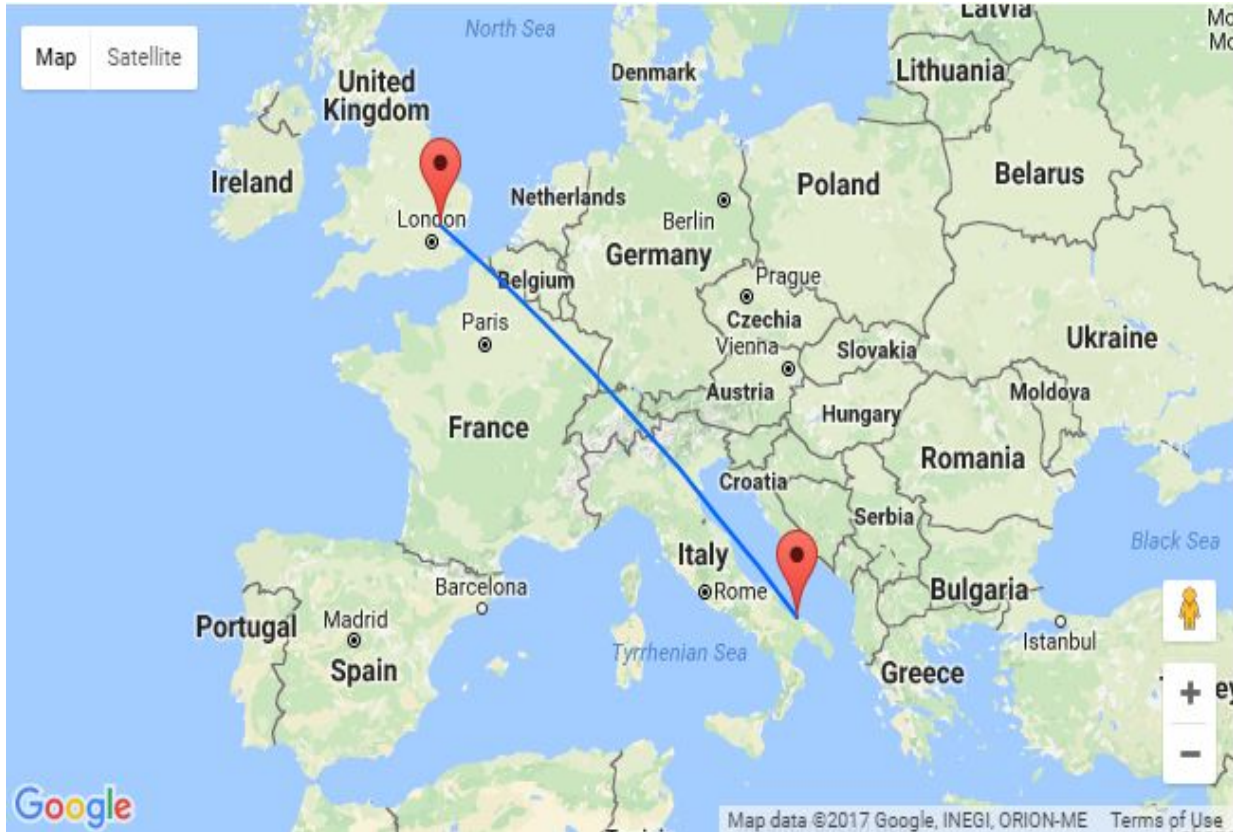
Today is holiday day!
Can you guess where we are going?





Italy!
What do you already know?

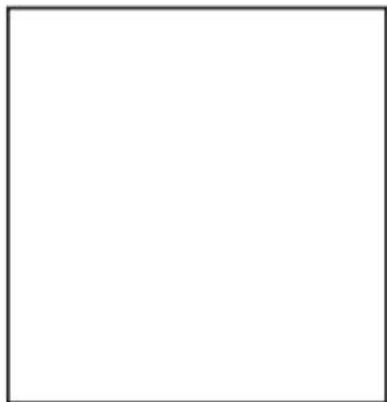




To travel to Italy, we need to get on a plane. To do that, we'll need to make passports!



PASSPORT



Name:

Signature:

Passport Number: 12345

Description:

Gender:

Age:

Home Country:

Fill in
your
passport
and draw
a picture
of
yourself.

Now we're ready to fly!

Listen to your air hostess.

If you are all well behaved passengers then you might get bumped up to first class and given a biscuit!



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzOY0dT
CVyY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzOY0dT
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We have arrived in beautiful Italy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwl9axYSIE>



Here is what we will do on our trip to Italy.

Create Italian art
Learn about Italian history
Eat at an Italian Cafe



Italian Art

Giuseppe Arcimboldo

1527-1593





What Did He Paint?

Giuseppe Arcimboldo is well known today for painting portraits of people made out of different types of fruits, vegetables, meat and fish.

He would pick food that had a connection to whatever he was painting. For example, when creating a picture of autumn he used fruits and vegetables that grew in autumn.



Do you like this painting?

What can
you see?



Study the paintings.

Each painting is named after a season.

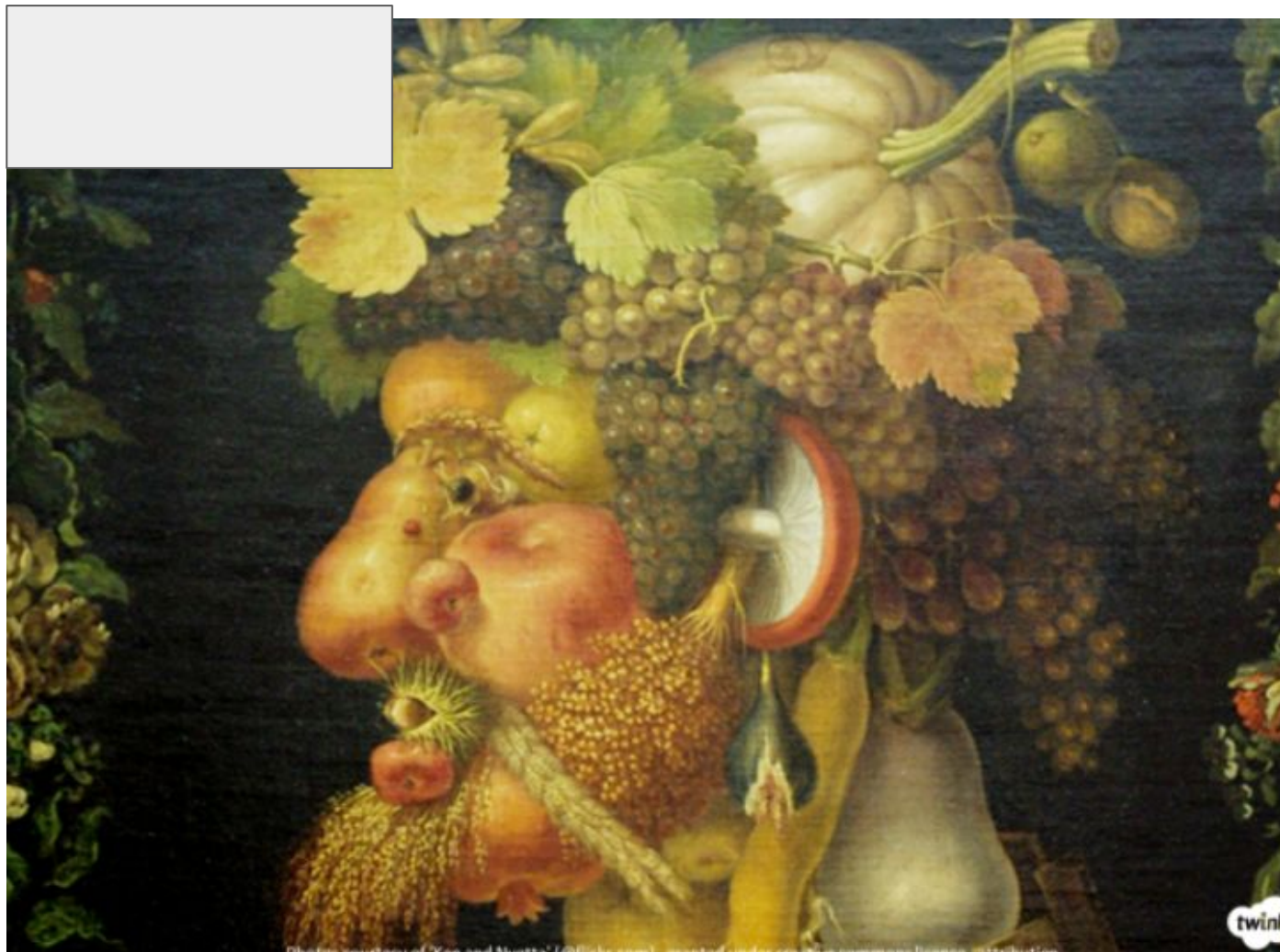
Can you guess the season?











Guiseppe Arcimboldo
also used other objects.

Can you guess the name
of this painting?

Hint: someone who looks
after books.





He is called the Librarian!



Can you be inspired and create a self portrait?



Use the template of the face to help you get started.

Italian history

Rome is a city in Italy and it is a very old city which was founded in 753 BC.

The **Ancient** Romans had an **empire**, which meant that the people of Rome controlled other countries in its empire, such as Spain, England, France and Egypt.

The Ancient Romans built many buildings that are still around today, such as the colosseum in Rome and Hadrian's wall in England.

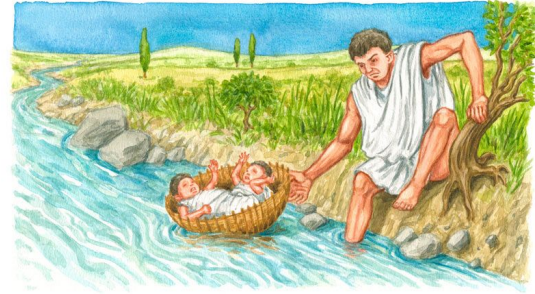
They also founded many cities across their empire, and filled these cities with important infrastructure such as roads, aqueducts and baths.



The Founding of Rome

The Ancient Roman people told a story about how the city of Rome was founded. This story is not real, so we call it a **myth**. Even though the story is not real, it was very important to the Roman people.

Once upon a time, in Italy, there were little twin baby boys. The King of Italy did not like these little babies because he felt they threatened his rule. He was very mean and he ordered his soldiers to get rid of the little boys. The soldiers put the babies in a basket and floated it down the Tiber (which is the river that runs through Rome).



The little boys washed up on a riverbed and were found by a wolf who looked after them and raised them.



When the boys grew up they were very strong and very brave. They wanted to build their own city. The boys found 7 hills, but could not decide which hill to put their city on!



They decided to ask the God Jupiter. Jupiter sent down a sign. He sent 6 eagles to Remus's hill and 12 to Romulus's hill. This meant Romulus was the one who got to choose which hill the city was on. This is why we call the city Rome!



Roman Soldiers

Roman soldiers were very brave and very organised. They were able to take over so many other countries because they worked so well as a team.

They used their big shields to form a kind of shell around them. This shell was called a testudo, and it meant that the soldiers could not be hit by the arrows fired by their enemies.

Here is a video of some children making their own Roman **testudo**!



Roman Triumph

When a Roman general won a battle, the city would throw him a big parade called a triumph.

The soldiers would march through the city and the people would cheer. The soldiers would sometimes carry with them things which they had found on their travels.

The people of Rome would have a banquet and a big party!

The general would paint his face red, which was meant to make him look more like the God Jupiter. He would have a friend stood behind him on the chariot whose job was to remind the general that he was not actually a God.



Roman Baths

Roman baths are not like our baths. They were public places more like swimming pools or gyms. Lots of business meetings and social occasions would take place in these baths.

If you were rich then you might have your own special bath in your house, but you would probably still go to the public baths to meet your friends.

The Romans were very clever, and would heat the floors by building fires in little rooms under the floor tiles.

The Romans built baths across their empire. Even in England! The baths are where we can find some of the Romans' most beautiful mosaics.

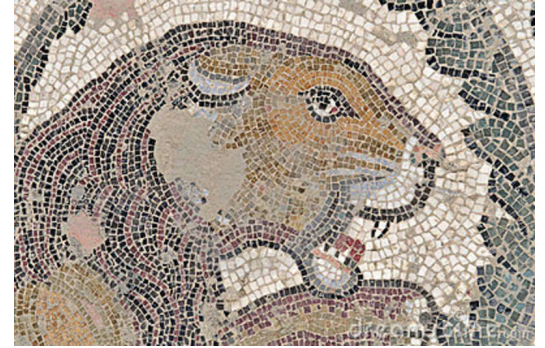


Roman Mosaics

Mosaics were made by assembling little pieces of tile, stone and glass to make a picture. In Ancient Rome they were used to decorate the ceilings, walls and floors of buildings. If you were very rich then you might have some mosaics in your house. Mosaics often told a story about myths.



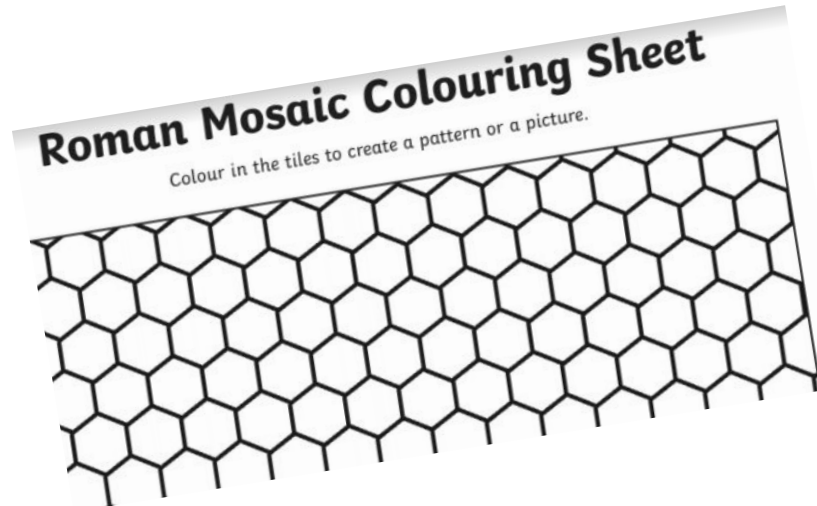
What do you think is happening in this mosaic?
Can you remember the
Myth of Rome?



Activity- Roman mosaic

Using the mosaic sheet, can you colour in your own mosaic picture.

It could be a story that is important to you, or maybe one of the stories or facts that you have heard today.



Italian cafe



grazie

thank you

ciao

hello



These Italian
phrases might help
us in the cafe!

Per favore

please

Prego

you are welcome

arrivederci

goodbye

gelato

ice cream



Your teacher will
give you a little plate
with a small taste of
everything.



While you eat, Let's look at the view out of the window and listen to some Italian music.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26BhVw28s>

Italian Language

Now let's learn some Italian



Now we're ready to fly back home!

Listen to your air hostess.

