



The Romans and Digestion

Year 4 Further Reading List Spring 1

Book	Author	Blurb
<i>So You Think You've Got It Bad: A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome</i>	<i>Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea</i>	Published in collaboration with The British Museum, this children's information book offers a humorous and informative introduction to daily life in Ancient Rome and has a high appeal to readers in KS2. The book compares modern-day life for children to different aspects of daily life for the Ancient Romans, including clothes and hair-styles, education, family life, pets, food and hobbies. The information is presented through speech bubbles, diagrams and bright cartoon-style illustrations as well as accessible chunks of text.
<i>Romans on the Rampage</i>	<i>Jeremy Strong</i>	A super-fun novel that tells of the crazy adventures of Perilus, a Roman boy who dreams of riding chariots in the Circus Maximus. Romans on the Rampage is a laugh-out-loud story offering a bit of light relief and is perfect to read aloud to lower KS2.
<i>Meet the Ancient Romans</i>	<i>James Davies</i>	A picture-book style non-fiction text about the Romans. Each page has a short chunk of text accompanied by simple, bold illustrations or infographics. Humorous and stylish without compromising on factual content, this book is a popular choice with reluctant or younger readers.
<i>Escape from Pompeii</i>	<i>Christina Balit</i>	Escape from Pompeii tells the story of a young boy called Tranio who lives in Pompeii at the time of the famous eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. This captivating picture book allows readers to follow the footsteps of Tranio and his friend Livia as they come to terms with the destruction of their city and find their own routes to freedom.
<i>The Thieves of Ostia</i>	<i>Caroline Lawrence</i>	A gripping novel that provides plenty of background information about life in Ancient Roman times. The plot of The Thieves of Ostia centres around a young girl called Flavia who investigates the mystery of who is killing the dogs in the Roman port of Ostia. This is a popular choice for KS2 classrooms and is part of the well-loved Roman Mysteries series.
<i>See Inside Your Body</i>	<i>Katie Daynes & Colin King</i>	This exciting non-fiction text allows pupils to discover the inner workings of the human body through bold illustrations, diagrams, flaps and accessible text. Recommended for KS2.