NEW SCHOOL ROME

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NEW SCHOOL ROME · YEARS 1 TO 6

PRIMARY SCHOOL GUIDE

Ages 5 to 11

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YEARS 1 TO 6

Welcome to the Primary School



A New School Rome education is about more than what children learn. It is about who they become.

We nurture curious, compassionate and creative individuals who engage deeply with the world. Through our holistic approach, every child gains academic knowledge and a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Children experience subjects through problem solving, outdoor learning and imaginative play. This builds curiosity, a love of learning and resilience. With a strong focus on community and emotional security, we create a safe space where children can take risks, build empathy and form strong relationships across the school.

Our structure, teachers and classes

The Primary School runs from Year 1 (age 5+) to Year 6 (age 10+). Before Year 1, our Early Years offers a two-year programme for children aged 3 to 5. We follow an enhanced English National Curriculum, tailored to our international students and enriched by the culture and heritage of Rome.

Our teachers are experienced classroom practitioners with a genuine passion for teaching and learning, committed to their own professional development and to current best practice. Since 1972 our classes have remained small, giving the school the family feeling for which it is known.

> *"A truly special international school set in a beautiful garden where your child will thrive with a dedicated team of teachers who will instil the values of what it means to be a kind human being and a passionate learner."*
>
> A PRIMARY PARENT

The school day

The school day starts at 08:30. It ends at 15:15 for Years 1 and 2 and at 15:30 for Years 3 to 6. Early drop-off is available from 08:00.

From 08:00	**Early drop-off** A supervised early start, available from Early Years to Year 6.
08:30	**School day begins** Registration and the start of the morning's learning.
Morning	**Lessons** Daily English and Mathematics, alongside specialist subjects, timetabled through the day by year group.
Morning break	**Snack and garden time** Years 1 and 2 have a snack provided. Years 3 to 6 bring their own to enjoy in the garden.
Lunch	**Lunch and garden time** A shared lunch and free time to play in the garden.
Afternoon	**Afternoon lessons** Further lessons, including Music, Italian, PE and the arts.
15:15 / 15:30	**School day ends** 15:15 for Years 1 and 2, who stay with their class teacher until clubs begin, and 15:30 for Years 3 to 6.
15:30 to 16:30	**After-school clubs** A wide range of clubs run until 16:30, when the school bus departs.

A typical day. Details vary by year group.

A garden school

Our school is set in a beautiful garden, where children learn outdoors and connect with nature every day. The playground includes a mud kitchen, a large sand pit, swings, monkey bars and climbing frames, hopscotch, and a five-a-side football pitch with basketball hoops.



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Beyond the classroom



Music and singing

Specialist teachers lead weekly music and singing lessons, developing vocal, composition and performance skills. Each year the Primary children put on a performance at a local theatre, and instrumental lessons are available during and after the school day.

Physical Education

Children have weekly PE with our specialist PE teacher on site. Every week they also go to a local sports centre for gymnastics with specialist teachers, with transport provided by the school bus.

Events, trips and visits

Music concerts, performances at a local theatre, parades, STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), World Book Day, Water Week, football tournaments with other international schools, talent shows and after-school discos. Visits to museums and historical sites in Rome and beyond enrich the history curriculum. Other examples of day trips include visiting farms, botanical gardens and taking part in international events such as FAO World Food Day. Guest speakers such as authors, artists and parents inspire the children. Children in Years 3 to 6 take part in an annual residential trip that builds independence, teamwork and leadership.

Assemblies

Teachers take turns to run weekly assemblies, where children share their work, discuss important issues and learn about personal and social matters. Children are placed into a house group when they join our school and can collect house points towards their team total, with a celebration for the winning team at the end of term. The running total is shared in each assembly. This is also an opportunity to celebrate children who have received a ‘Gold Award’ that week.

After-school clubs

Clubs such as dance, football, art, textiles, homework help, computing, theatre and STEM run until 16:30. The clubs change each term, and the current list is available from the office. The gardens are often open for parents to play with their children.

Languages, support and wellbeing



Italian

Italian is taught from Year 1 by specialist teachers, twice a week. Lessons are differentiated to meet the needs of both native and non-native speakers, with children split into two groups.

Learning support and EAL

Our Special Educational Needs (SEN) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) teams support children in the classroom, in small groups and one to one. The EAL team helps children build confidence, fluency and accuracy so they can access the full curriculum independently. We work with parents to assess support needs during the application process and throughout the year.

PSHE and wellbeing

In PSHE, children learn to understand themselves and others, exploring feelings, friendships and how to stay safe and healthy. Warm pastoral care and weekly assemblies make sure every child is known and every voice is heard.



AGES 5 TO 6

Year 1



English

In Year 1, children build on the early reading, writing, speaking and listening skills developed in Early Years.

Reading

We continue to use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised as our systematic synthetic phonics programme to teach early reading and spelling. Through daily phonics lessons, children become fluent readers, recognise an increasing number of common and tricky words, talk about what they have read, make simple predictions and express opinions about books. Parents are invited to a reading meeting on how reading is taught and how to support it at home.

Writing

Writing is inspired by high-quality texts and engaging experiences that help children generate ideas, build vocabulary and explore sentence structure. Children learn to write simple sentences using capital letters and full stops, spell common words and use phonics to spell new words. Handwriting lessons help them form letters correctly. Writing includes stories, captions, lists, letters and simple factual writing.

Speaking and listening

Children learn to listen carefully, speak clearly and confidently, take turns in discussion, and retell stories and explain ideas in their own words. Daily storytime broadens their vocabulary.

Subjects and homework

Mathematics

Daily lessons develop strong number sense through a mastery approach, in small steps that build confidence, fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Children work on place value to 10, 20, 50 and 100, addition and subtraction, 2D and 3D shape, multiplication and division (including the 2, 5 and 10 times tables), fractions, position and direction, money and time.

Science

Hands-on investigations on animals (including humans), plants, everyday materials, seasonal changes, and living things and their habitats.

History and Geography

Children explore their own lives and special events, the history of toys and a local history study of Rome. In Geography they study our school and local area, maps and compass directions, the continents and oceans, and the geography of Italy.

Art and Design & Technology

Painting, three-dimensional work, clay, wool and weaving, inspired by a range of artists. In Design & Technology, children make models with wheels and axles, puppets and stable structures.

Music

Taught by a specialist teacher, through listening, singing, playing and composing. Key Stage 1 classes join together for a weekly singing lesson.

Italian

Twice a week with a specialist teacher, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.

Physical Education

Two PE lessons a week: gymnastics and dance at a local sports centre with specialist teachers, and a lesson on site with our specialist PE teacher covering team games, throwing and catching, running and jumping.

PSHE

Feelings and emotions, friendships, and keeping safe and healthy.

Homework

Reading books linked to our phonics scheme go home, and daily reading at home is encouraged. Children choose a library book each week. Maths and handwriting homework may also be set.



AGES 6 TO 7

Year 2



English

Speaking and listening are key in all lessons. Children improve spelling, punctuation, tenses, sentence structure and speech marks, and develop comprehension through visual and written analysis. They write fiction and non-fiction and continue to develop their handwriting. Reading, individually and in groups, is central to language development.

Mathematics

Daily lessons consolidate Year 1 skills and deepen understanding of number, measurement and geometry: counting to 100, addition and subtraction within 100, the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, money, time, shape, fractions and units of measurement, with an emphasis on problem solving and real-life applications.

Science

Uses of everyday materials: grouping objects by material and exploring how materials can be changed. Living things and their habitats: living, dead and non-living things, and simple food chains. Animals including humans: survival needs, variation and life cycles.

History and Geography

The Ice Age, Christopher Columbus and the Aztecs. Map work, continents, countries and capitals, the geography of Italy and a contrasting locality, the island of St Lucia.

Subjects and homework

Art

Drawing, collage, 3D work, painting, constructing and cutting, with paper, card, clay, paint, pencils, crayons, charcoal, pastels and chalk, looking at line, colour, shape and texture in natural forms.

Computing

Practical uses of computers, coding with sequences of instructions and debugging, word processing and guided research on the internet.

Music

Accompanying songs with voice and instruments, body percussion, beat and pitch. Key Stage 1 classes join together for a weekly singing lesson.

Physical Education

Games skills (throwing, catching, fielding, bat and ball, ball control), gymnastics (moving, sequencing, stretching and jumping), athletics and dance.

Italian

Twice a week, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.

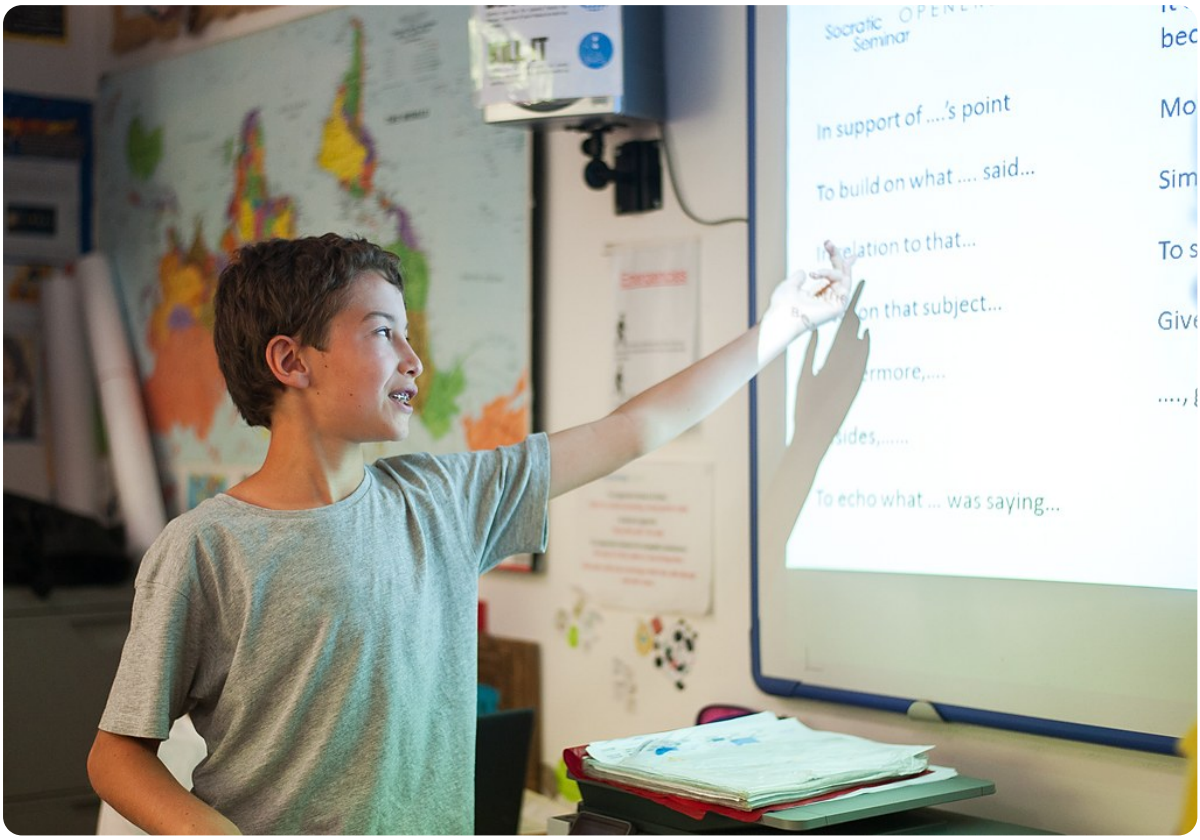
Homework

A reading book every day from the school's reading scheme, and weekly spellings and maths homework.



AGES 7 TO 8

Year 3



English

Alongside daily English lessons following the English National Curriculum, time is given to writing and reading. Children work on personal projects in 'Genius Hour' and present them to their parents. They have daily access to the Primary library.

Mathematics

Daily lessons develop fluency in arithmetic, fractions and problem solving, with geometry, data handling and practical measurement. By the end of the year children work with numbers to 1,000, add and subtract three-digit numbers with column methods, and multiply and divide by 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

Science

Teeth and healthy eating. Forces and magnets, including push and pull, magnets and springs. Light and shadows, including telling the time with sundials.

History and Geography

The Vikings and the Middle Ages, and Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome (topics alternate each year). Europe, map work and environmental issues linked to WaterAid.

Subjects and homework

Computing
Combining text and graphics, an introduction to presentations, and coding.

Design & Technology
Costumes for the Christmas Show, a Viking longship or a 3D castle, and other design challenges.

Art
Drawing, painting, printing, collage, clay and sculpture, studying artists linked to exhibitions in Rome.

PSHE
Feelings, relationships and how we relate to our communities and the wider world, through the One Decision programme. Cultural celebrations and beliefs may also be explored.

Music
Performing, composing and exploring beat, pitch and structure. Key Stage 2 classes join together for a weekly singing lesson.

Physical Education
Weekly sport with our specialist PE teacher, and gymnastics and dance at a local sports centre.

Italian
Twice a week, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.

Homework
Daily reading, times tables, spellings, Maths and English consolidation or Genius Hour projects, recorded in the homework diary.



AGES 8 TO 9

Year 4



English

Children prepare short presentations, recite poetry by heart, read aloud expressively, draft their work and begin to use paragraphs, headings and subheadings. They read at home every day and keep a record of the books they read.

Mathematics

Daily lessons develop fluency, reasoning and problem solving. By the end of the year children add and subtract four-digit numbers with formal written methods, multiply and divide two- and three-digit numbers, and know all times tables up to 12.

Science

Ourselves: the skeleton and the digestive system. States of matter: how materials change with heating and cooling, and the water cycle. Habitats: sorting living things, adaptation, food chains and how habitats change.

History and Geography

The Vikings and the Middle Ages, and Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome (topics alternate each year). Rainforests, Extreme Earth and environmental issues linked to WaterAid.

Subjects and homework

Design & Technology

A Viking longship or 3D castle, a costume for the Christmas Show, 3D volcanoes linked to Science and dioramas linked to Geography.

Computing

Word processing, desktop publishing, presentations and coding.

PSHE

Feelings, relationships and how we relate to our communities and the wider world, through the One Decision programme.

Music

Performing, composing and exploring beat, pitch and structure. Key Stage 2 classes join together for a weekly singing lesson.

Physical Education

Weekly sport with our specialist PE teacher, and gymnastics and dance at a local sports centre.

Italian

Twice a week, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.

Homework

Spellings and times tables, a Maths, English or topic task, and reading, recorded in the homework diary.



AGES 9 TO 10

Year 5



English

Children improve their writing through new grammatical structures, with a focus on planning, checking and editing, and use online games to build spelling and vocabulary. They read independently for twenty minutes after lunch and are encouraged to read for at least twenty minutes a day at home.

Mathematics

Daily lessons deepen understanding of key concepts and apply them to real-life problems in number, measurement, geometry and statistics. Teaching is differentiated so every child is supported and stretched, with regular times tables practice.

Science

Life cycles of animals, plants and humans, properties and changes of materials, Earth and space, and forces.

History and Geography

The Shang Dynasty and the Ancient Egyptians. Map skills, including Ordnance Survey symbols and coordinates, human geography, the world of work, and biomes and climate zones.

Subjects and homework

Computing
Dedicated computing lessons, including coding, and technology used across the curriculum.

PSHE
Feelings, relationships and how we relate to our communities and the wider world, through the One Decision programme.

Art
The styles and lives of artists, with pencil, painting and pastel techniques in classical and modern styles.

Design & Technology
Ancient Egyptian clay canopic jars and Egyptian flatbread.

Music
Composing and performing music inspired by the local community, past and present. Key Stage 2 classes join together for a weekly singing lesson.

Physical Education
Weekly gymnastics with a specialist instructor, and weekly sport with our specialist PE teacher, developing skills for net, invasion and striking games with an emphasis on teamwork.

Italian
Twice a week, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.

Homework
Daily reading, spellings, times tables, Maths and English consolidation or project work.



AGES 10 TO 11

Year 6



English

Children work on personal writing targets, with weekly vocabulary tests. In ‘Responding to reading’ they learn to make relevant points, support them with evidence and comment on effect.

Mathematics

Fluency, reasoning and problem solving to prepare for secondary school: long multiplication, fractions, decimals and percentages, data handling, shape, space, measures and probability. Rapid recall of multiplication and division facts is expected.

Shakespeare play

Year 6 traditionally study a play by Shakespeare and perform it in the garden in the summer term. For many children it builds confidence in public speaking and a real understanding of complex themes.

History and Geography

The Etruscans, the Renaissance and world history, with a home project, ‘My Family in WW2’. Mountains, and the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and plastic waste.

Subjects and homework

Science

Biology: interdependence and adaptation, microbes, and a short unit on human reproduction, body changes and birth. Physics: light and forces. Chemistry: atoms, molecules, elements, compounds and mixtures, including dissolving and separating.

Art

Collage, decoupage and etching, perspective drawing, grid enlargement and portraiture.

Design & Technology

Making and testing load-bearing bridges, and a design project linked to drama.

Computing

Multimedia and presentations, spreadsheets, coding and video editing.

PSHE

Feelings, relationships and how we relate to our communities and the wider world, through the One Decision programme, with a focus on online safety and an introduction to philosophy.

Music

Rhythm, melody, syncopation, pitch and harmony, and music from around the world. Key Stage 2 classes join together for a weekly singing lesson.

Physical Education

Rounders, volleyball and hockey, with skills practice before matches, and weekly gymnastics and dance with specialists.

Italian

Twice a week, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.

Homework

Mathematics, English, History and Science, to consolidate learning and prepare for secondary school.



SUMMARY

Key points at a glance



- Years 1 to 6, for children aged 5 to 11, following an enhanced English National Curriculum.
- Small classes, so every child is known, guided and supported as an individual.
- Daily English and Mathematics, with early reading taught through Little Wandle phonics.
- Italian from Year 1, differentiated for native and non-native speakers.
- Specialist teaching in Music, PE and Italian, and weekly gymnastics at a local sports centre.
- A garden campus with outdoor learning, trips across Rome and residential trips in Years 3 to 6.
- Learning support and EAL in class, in small groups and one to one.
- School from 08:30, with early drop-off from 08:00 and after-school clubs until 16:30.

> *"Free from unnecessary competition and stress, children are encouraged to grow both academically and personally in a warm, family-like environment."*
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