

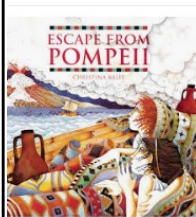


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English:

Our core text this half term is a book called "Escape From Pompeii". This story has links to our Geography topic. Using this text we will be able to understand the timeline of events at Pompeii when Vesuvius erupted in AD79, and we will read about how any survivors managed to get away. We will write descriptive recounts of the events and informal letters from the point of view of a survivor. We will also use the text to practise using apostrophes in our writing. This rich text and language should encourage lots of class discussion.



General Introduction:

Welcome back to Autumn 2! We are moving on from mountains to find out about volcanoes. I am hoping that the Extreme Earth unit planned will be lively and interesting for the class. As always, if there is anything that you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me.



Mathematics:

This half term children will be concentrating on the four main operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will not only be looking at formal written methods but working to improve mental maths skills. These will include times-tables (the expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12X12 by the end of Year4), quick fire mental maths and multiplying and dividing quickly by 10 and 100. Mrs Morris will continue to teach basic maths skills and investigations on a fortnightly basis on Wednesday mornings. Throughout all maths units the pupils will have the opportunity to practise their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

Science:

The topic this half term is Sound. Children will be looking at how sound is made, objects that make sound, and volume and pitch. They will also look at how sound travels through our ear to our brain. During this topic we will also focus on investigative skills.



Weekly schedules:

Swimming begins again on Tuesday mornings—we need to leave the school promptly and ask that everyone is registered and lined up ready to go by 8:50 am.

Mrs Morris will continue to teach the class on Wednesday mornings and PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by Exposure Sport and Mrs Ellis.

PE:

Swimming will recommence from Tuesday 2nd November at Aqua Vale swimming complex with specialist swimming instructors as before. PE with Exposure Sport on Wednesday afternoon will cover gymnastics.

RE:

This half term the children we will be continuing to learn about Judaism. Later on in the term we will be revisiting the Christmas Story with a particular focus on how symbols are used as representations. We will also discuss the symbols used in Christingle.

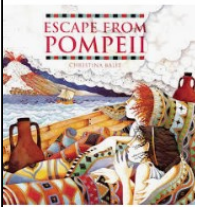


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Geography:

We will continue our unit about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. The children will investigate Tectonic Plates and the Earth's crust to find out how earthquakes and volcanoes occur. Our core text will help us to understand the destruction that can be caused. We will also be looking at tsunamis as the children have expressed an interest in this.



Art:

We will also be studying paintings by the artist Andy Warhol, focussing on a series of 18 paintings called 'Vesuvius by Warhol' to link with our Geography topic and core text Escape From Pompeii. We will also be creating our own versions.



Music:

The Charanga music scheme will be followed. This half term the children will recognise how to play notes and simple tunes on the Glockenspiel.

Computing:

This half term the children will learn how to code using the Purple Mash program.

MFL:

French will continue to be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work.



PSHE:

This half term, pupils will continue to follow the Jig Saw scheme of work. The unit is called "Celebrating Difference" and the pupils will be learning about the importance of accepting difference and not judging people by appearances only.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 2nd November—Weekly swimming begins again
24th and 25th November—Parents evening

How you can support your child at home:

Homework will continue in the same manner as before. It will continue to be linked to what the children are learning in Maths and English and will need to be handed in on a Tuesday. Please continue to encourage your children to read regularly and keep practising spelling words from the Year 3 & 4 word list. It is also an expectation that children practise their timestables on TTRS and number bonds on Numbots as well as reading on Bug Club each week.

Final word:

I have really enjoyed our first half term, the children have settled back into school well and I am extremely proud of them all. I am looking forward to another busy term, helping your children reach their full potential. If you wish to discuss anything further or require any support please feel free to contact me.
Mrs Bennett