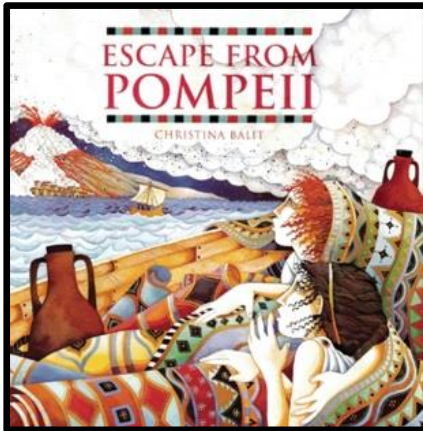


Year 3 – Spring Term 2
Curriculum Theme: Natural Disasters

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Year 3 will be learning about the Natural Disasters, in specific Pompeii. This will link to our English reading of 'Escape from Pompeii'. Children will learn about mountains and volcanoes as well as what happened in Pompeii. In Science this term we will be working on Forces and Magnets, children will learn about magnetic materials, how a magnet works and compare magnets strength. They will also investigate forces, including how friction affects their use. PSHE this term focuses on healthy living. This includes looking at exercising and eating healthily. In RE, we will be focusing on the key beliefs at the heart of festivals such as Passover, Ramadan/Eid and Easter. Children will be given opportunities to reflect on their learning and prior knowledge as well as explore some of the stories behind these religious events.

English:

During this term, we will be studying the book, 'Escape from Pompeii'. We will begin by exploring setting descriptions before independently writing our own to describe Pompeii. Year 3 will then retell part of the above story before creating an alternative story version by changing key vocabulary based on our learning of the Romans. Towards the end of the term, the children will be creating their own Travel Brochures on the town of Pompeii.

We will also continue to develop our grammar skills by focusing on a range of sentence use conjunctions when, if, because, although, as well as, using pronouns to avoid repetition. We will be studying fronted adverbials, using commas to make our sentence starters more interesting. We will also continue looking at subordinate conjunctions and clauses.

Maths:

In Maths this term, we will be finishing our fractions work and focusing on money. The children will consolidate their previous learning on recognising different denominations (both notes and coins) and the simple addition and subtraction of money. Year 3 will also develop the concepts related to addition and subtraction of money using number bonds as a key method. We will also be developing our knowledge of length, mass and volume. We will look at length in metres and centimetres before moving on to kilometres. Within mass, we will use scales to weigh mass and they will look at different units to measure mass, specifically grams and kilograms. Within volume and capacity, children will learn to measure volume using millilitres and litres. They will also come across various problem-solving questions on volume.

Other Information

- PE is on Friday afternoon. Please ensure that children have the correct, named PE kit in school.

Ways to help at home:

- Support your child in learning their weekly spellings.
- Please listen to your child read as often as possible, signing that you have listened to them read within their reading record. Children should have a library book and a reading level book.
- Support weekly homework which should be returned on a Wednesday.
- Please make sure your payment is made to our trip to Chester House.