

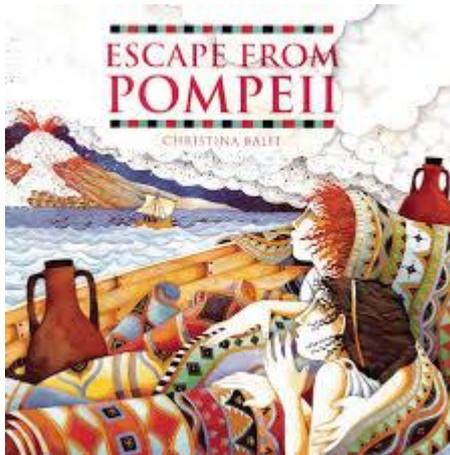
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break, I am looking forward to teaching all of your children again, as they move up to year 4. Please find details of the exciting topics that Year 4 will be covering in the Autumn Term, including ideas of how you can help at home.

English

We will be reading the book *Escape from Pompeii* from Pompeii by Christina Balit.



In this unit we will write a recount about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, from the perspective of the main character in the book, Tranio.

We will also write instructions on how to play Jacks, a popular game in Roman times.

The second text we will be looking at is *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*.

We will retell the story of *The Pied Piper*, putting our own spin on this historic tale.

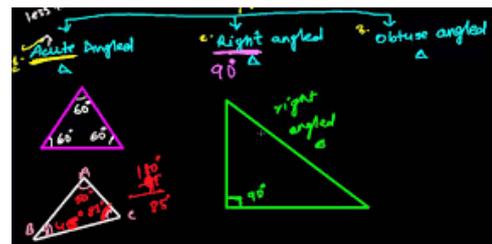
We will also write an explanation text on, 'How does sound travel?' a topic that we will be covering during our science lessons.

How can you help? Please try to read with your child at least twice per week. If you read with your child, record this in their reading record.

Maths

During Autumn 1 we will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 10,000. We will use this knowledge to mentally solve multiplication and division problems.

We will also learn about the properties of 2D shapes, identifying different angles.



We will be looking at decimals and fractions, and the relationship between the two.

We will continue with our weekly *Multiplication Monday* activity; focussing on the three, four, six and eight times tables this term.

How can you help? Please practise our focus times tables with your child weekly, especially the six times tables as they are new this year.

In Autumn 2, we will learn to multiply numbers into the hundreds using multiplication grid method.

We will also be learning how to present data graphically and how to interpret this data.

History

We will be learning all about Roman Britain. We will learn how Rome was formed and what it was like to be a part of Roman society.

We will also discover how the Roman army grew to become so powerful and will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain!

Art

We will look at the artist Gaudi and studying how he used the collage technique within his work. We shall create our own piece of art, based on the work of Gaudi.

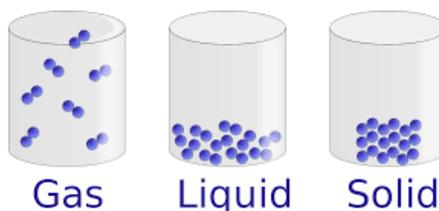


Computing

We will improve our basic computer skills during Autumn 1. We shall apply our computer skills to the software Publisher and create a poster to showcase our learning about Roman Britain.

Science

We are learning about states of matter. We will learn about the different properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will work scientifically to investigate how materials change state.



We will also learn about sound, identifying how sounds are made and learning how our

R.E

Our R.E units this term include the Jewish Festival of Shabbat and Jesus the Son of God.

General Notices

- Every child will be assigned a ukulele to use this year. Our ukulele lessons will take place every Monday and ukuleles must be in school for this.
- P.E lessons for Autumn 1 are on Wednesday and Thursday. As P.E will take place outdoors, children will need an outdoor kit, a blue/ black tracksuit and trousers is suitable. If the weather is bad, P.E will be adapted so it can take place in the classroom.
- Homework is on a grid with a variety of tasks. These need to be completed by **Monday 7th December**.
- Our Class Information night on **Thursday 17th September**, this will take place via Zoom, further details to follow.
- Class Dojo will be used to communicate messages between school and home. If you have any questions please use this to keep in touch. If you feel you wish to speak to one of us, please contact the school office.

Mrs Lowe and Mrs Marrow