

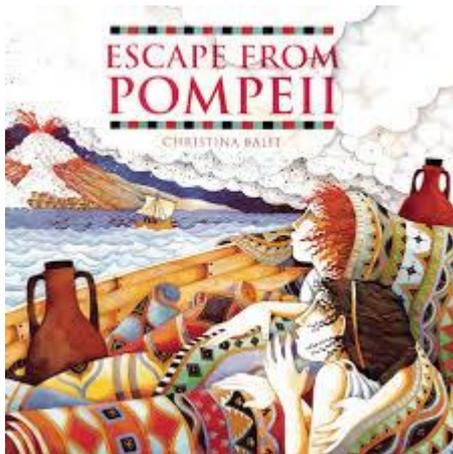
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. Please find details of the exciting topics that Year 4 will be covering in the Autumn Term.

English

We will be reading the book *Escape 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, Travio.

We will also produce an information text on Roman life and will 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.

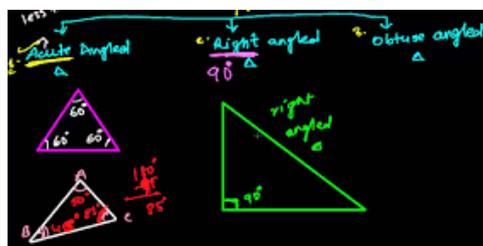
How can you help? Please try to read with your child twice per week. If you read with your child, record this in their reading record.

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 practice our focus times tables with your child at least twice per week.

In Autumn 2, we will learn the formal written method of multiplication.

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

Topic (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!

Design & Technology

We will research the uniform of a Roman soldier focussing on the essential Roman Shield. We will design our own Roman shield and make this using a variety of materials during our Roman Day at the end of Autumn 1.

Art

We will look at the artist Gaudi, and make a 3D model based on his work.

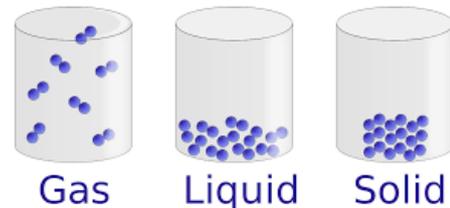


Computing

We will use a search engine to complete our research on Roman Britain. We will also explore databases, discovering why they are useful and ultimately designing our own.

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 ears work to allow us to hear.

R.E

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

We will have the opportunity to visit a Synagogue and Temple.

General Notices

- P.E lessons for Autumn 1 are on Wednesday and Thursday. P.E kits need to be in school every day.
- Homework is on a grid with a variety of tasks. These need to be completed by Monday 3rd December 2018.
- By now, you should have received a letter regarding our Class Information night on **Tuesday 17th September**. If you wish to attend please return the reply slip enclosed with the letter.
- If you have a question or need any further guidance, please pop in and speak to us!

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