

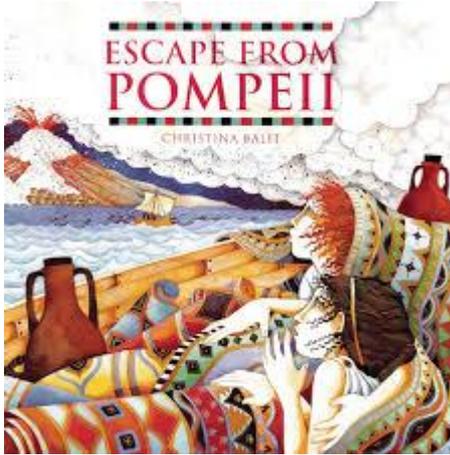
# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

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, 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.

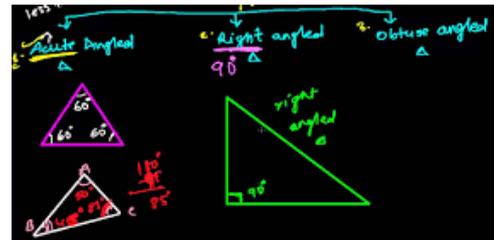
**How can you help?** Please try to read with your child at least twice per week. If you read with your child, record this in their reading record.

## 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.

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!

## Design & Technology

We will take part in a woodwork project during Forest School in Autumn 2.

## Art

We will look at the artist Gaudi and will make a model based on his work, using mosaic tiles.

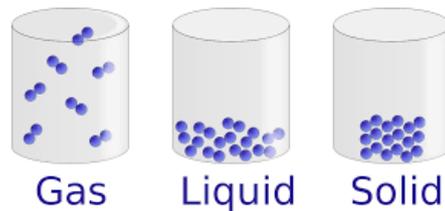


## Computing

We will research Roman Britain and create a PowerPoint on the topic. We will also work on improving our typing speed and will produce work for our class blog.

## 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.

## 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 Monday and Thursday. P.E kits must be in school every day.
- Homework is on a grid with a variety of tasks. These need to be completed by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.
- By now, you should have received a letter regarding our Class Information night on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. If you wish to attend please confirm your attendance via our app.
- If you have a question or need any further guidance, please pop in and speak to us!