

Writing: This term our writing will be focused around the text: *Escape from Pompeii* written by Christina Balit. We will begin by exploring a range of artefacts to try to determine the events that have taken place before re-enacting an everyday scene from the city of Pompeii to write a setting description. There will be opportunities for drama, writing letters of advice and descriptions of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In the final part of the learning sequence, we will become journalists and write a newspaper article to report on the eruption, including quotes from survivors in the town.

Reading: Our reading lessons this term will focus on the text: *Earth Shattering Events* by Robin Jacobs & Sophie Williams. We will continue to develop our retrieval skills in response to comprehension questions, and we will also be finding evidence in the text to support our ideas.

Spelling: Both Year 3 and Year 4 will continue to learn spelling patterns and rules, as well as common exception words, using the Spelling Ninja programme. New spellings will be given out each Tuesday and these words tested the following Tuesday.

Geography: **What is it like to live in Northern Italy?** In this unit, we will be exploring northern Italy through its landscapes, transport, cities and villages. We will learn about everyday life and tourism in the region, and compare it with our own local area using maps, images and geographical vocabulary.

Design Technology: **Health & Varied Diet:** In this topic we will be looking at the Eatwell plate and how this aids to our healthy choices in food and drink. We will firstly look at a range of pizzas and we will use our 5 senses to rate the pizzas we like. We will then design and create a 'healthy' pizza using the Eatwell plate as a guide to choosing healthy toppings and will evaluate our final products.

PE: This term we will focus on country dancing. PE days will be on Mondays and Fridays.

Music: This term, our music focus will be learning the songs for our end of term performance (this is still under a veil of secrecy!!).

French: We will be continuing with our learning of days of the week and months of the year, before moving on to describing different sports and giving simple instructions.

Maths: -

In Year 3 we will learn about length and perimeter. We will begin to measurement in millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) and metres (m). Children will learn how these units of measurement relate to one another and convert between single and mixed units. They will apply their knowledge of number to compare, order, add and subtract measurements of length and calculate the perimeter of 2D shapes. In Year 4 we will be introduced to the concept of mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will explore what happens when a fraction is more than 1 (the numerator is greater than the denominator). We will use this to write, compare and order mixed numbers then look at equivalent fractions using fraction strips and a fraction wall to aid understanding of fraction families.

Science: **Animals Including Humans – The Digestive System:** In this topic we will expand on children's learning from year 2 and 3 about how animals, including humans, need to get nutrition from what they eat. We will explore the different organs of the digestive system in humans and the functions of teeth in both humans and animals. We will learn about the different types of teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene. We will then learn about the parts and functions of individual organs of the human digestive system followed by looking at animal teeth and food chains.

RE: **"When Jesus left, what next?"** In this unit, the children will be learning about the concept of 'Gospel'* which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. They will learn about the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus. Pupils will find out about Jesus' actions towards other people and what example these set for the actions of Christians today. Pupils will learn about links between the teachings within Bible and what the meaning of Jesus' good news for Christians is.

PSHE: **Safety and the Changing Body:** In this topic we will begin to recognise unsafe digital content, develop life skills as a responsible citizen, discuss the benefits of being a non-smoker and look at first aid emergency help. Year 4 will have a separate lesson on changing bodies.

Computing: In computing, we will look at **Animation** and **Effective Searches**. In this topic we will start by using a pencil and paper flip book to understand the basics of stop motion animation. We will then begin to transfer this knowledge and create our own basic animation using 2Animate. In effective searches we will learn how to key words help with search information.

Key Dates for This Term:

22nd April - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check talk for parents at 8.50am in the hall
20th May- Open Classrooms
22nd May – May Day Celebrations
22nd May – School Closes for Half Term
1st June - School re-opens for Term 6