

Art
Design and Technology

Our learning in design and technology will be to generate and develop ideas and designs through the analysis of existing products before testing and producing our own confectionery wrappers.

In art lessons, the children will be investigating the use of tone, collage and shading techniques to create a power print.



Music



In music, we will be learning to:

- ◆ Hold a guitar correctly
- ◆ Develop an understanding of guitar tablature and chords
- ◆ Perform a piece of music

Spanish

In our Spanish learning, we will be learning to:

- ◆ Say and write days of the week and months of the year.
- ◆ Recite numbers to 15.
- ◆ Understand vocabulary associated with Easter.



Other Information

Home Learning and Spellings

Home Learning will be sent home on a Friday and will be collected in on the following Wednesday. To enable the children to practise their multiplication skills, children have their own log-in details to access Times Tables Rock Stars at home. Spellings are sent home on Friday to be learnt in preparation for a test the following Friday.

Home Reading

Every child has been given a reading book and reading journal in addition to being assigned books to read on-line with the Bug Club. Reading journals need to be returned to school every Monday for monitoring.

PE

PE lessons take place on Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has their pumps or trainers in school. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons and long hair tied up.

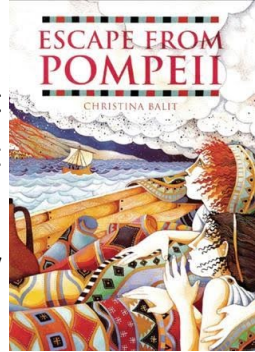
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English

Our learning will be based around the text 'Escape from Pompeii,' a story about how Tranio and his friend witnessed the destruction of their beloved city by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children will write an emotive letter, a recount and an explanation text about volcanoes. When reading, the children will also focus on the effect of the author's vocabulary choices, make predictions and retrieve information from the text.



Mathematics

During the term, the children will:

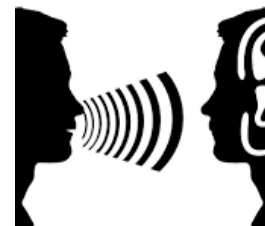
- ◆ Develop written methods for multiplying and dividing.
- ◆ Calculate length and perimeter.
- ◆ Identify equivalent fractions.
- ◆ Add and subtract fractions.
- ◆ Convert improper fractions to mixed number fractions.
- ◆ Recognise decimal numbers.
- ◆ Divide 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10 and 100.



Science

During our learning about sound, the children will:

- ◆ Identify how sounds are made.
- ◆ Recognise how sounds travel to the ear.
- ◆ Find patterns between the pitch of the sound and features of the object that produced it.



Whilst learning about electricity, the children will become familiar with conductors and insulators. They will draw and construct circuits which include bulbs, switches and buzzers.

PE

In PE, the children will take part in dance lessons where they will learn to:

- ◆ Lead warm ups and cool down sessions.
- ◆ Show a sense of rhythm.
- ◆ Evaluate their own and others' performances.



History

In history, pupils will be undertaking a local history study to understand what made the pottery industry so successful. During the term, the pupils will:

- ◆ Analyse photographs to explore why pottery was made in Stoke-on-Trent.
- ◆ Identify the six main towns of the pottery industry.
- ◆ Examine the work of Josiah Wedgewood and the impact he had on the pottery industry.
- ◆ Visit a museum to learn what it was like to work in the pottery industry.
- ◆ Explore how the pottery industry has changed over time.



Geography

Our geography learning will focus on the similarities and differences between our region and Campania in Italy. The children will:

- ◆ Research how and why earthquakes and volcanoes occur.
- ◆ Investigate how the world is represented on maps and globes.
- ◆ Identify the key features of the UK and Stoke-on-Trent.
- ◆ Identify the key geographical features of Italy.
- ◆ Compare the physical features and key settlements of Campania to those of Stoke-on-Trent.



Personal, Social, Religious and Emotional Development

In Religious Education, the children will be exploring the questions: 'What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?' and 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'



In PSHE lessons, the children will be learning about online safety and exploring the physical and emotional changes in puberty.

Computing

In computing lessons, the children will create programs by :

- ◆ Planning, modifying and testing commands to create shapes.
- ◆ Creating patterns.
- ◆ Using Logo (a text-based programming language).

At the end of the unit, the children will evaluate the programs they have made.

