

English

Our Key Texts for this topic are: **Escape from Pompeii** and **Volcano Rising**, which we will be looking at in Guided Reading.



Suspense Story - We are going to be learning to write our own escape stories with an interesting setting. We will be learning to use story mountains for planning our work. We will also be learning how to use adverbs, relative clauses and powerful verbs.

Poetry - We will be writing our own free-verse poems about a volcano in this unit. In our poems, we will be using similes, repetition and feelings to make our poems more exciting. We will also perform these.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

We will be applying our times table knowledge to help us to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit. We will also be learning to divide 2-digits by 1-digit numbers.

Length and Perimeter

We will be finding out equivalent fractions for metres, centimetres and millimetres. We will be learning to add and subtract measurements, as well as how to find the perimeter of shapes.



Computing

In our Computing lessons we will be using **Scratch Junior** to start our journey into programming.

RE

Our RE topics for this half-term are:

Journeys - We will learn about the church's calendar and special times and feasts for Christians.

Listening and Sharing - We will be learning about Communion and how this is a time for sharing.



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What's that Rumble?

Art In Art we will be looking at the artists Enzina Fuschini and Tamako Katoaka, who have both created **artwork of volcanoes**. We will be using mixed media (mosaic tiles, tissue paper, paper, paint) to create our own collages and artwork inspired by these two artists. We will also be discussing our own preferences when analysing artwork.

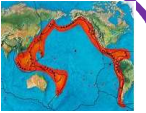


PE In PE this half-term we will be creating our own **dances** to tell the story 'Escape from Pompeii' and improving our **basketball** skills.

Geography

In Geography, our main focus is **volcanoes**.

We will be learning how volcanoes are formed, as well as the parts of a volcano. We will be identifying where some famous volcanoes are located on a world map and discussing any patterns with these, including the **Ring of Fire**. We will be learning how volcanoes impact the lives of those living nearby. We will also be learning to explain how **earthquakes** happen and how the tectonic plates cause this.



History

Our History for this half-term focusses on the eruption of **Mount Vesuvius** in 79 AD, which destroyed **Pompeii** and nearby **Herculaneum**. We will be learning about how this changed the lives of the Romans living in the area.



Music In our Music lessons we will be listening and responding to **Symphony 50 - Mount St Helens** and **Pompeii by Bastille**. We will be using Charanga to focus on 'Three Little Birds' by **Bob Marley** and to learn the note F for recorders.



Science In our Science lessons this half-term, we are focusing on Scientific Enquiry. We will be learning to **ask questions** and **make predictions**, as well as how to plan experiments and record our results. This will be a practical topic involving some explosive experiments!

