

English

Our Key Texts for this topic are: **Winter's Child**, **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.



RE

Our RE topic for this half-term is titled **Galilee to Jerusalem** focusing on Matthew's Gospel. We will study in detail the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl. We will focus on the message that God is here for everyone.



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What's that Rumble?

Maths

Multiplication and Division

We will be applying our times tables 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

Pupils will move on to a unit on '**Coding**' that will build on our algorithm 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 We will be using Charanga to focus on '**Three Little Birds**' by **Bob Marley** and to learn the notation of G, A, B and C for minims, crotchets, quavers and semibreves. We shall be creating our own two bar pieces of music that we shall record on a staff.



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.



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!

