

## English

For English we will be using the book *Escape from Pompeii* to inspire our writing; linking it to our History topic based on the Ancient Romans and our Autumn term topic about volcanoes. Using the ideas from the text, we will write a letter based on the events when Mount Vesuvius erupted. We will also read *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King-Smith and use the events from the story to inspire us to write a news article, as well as create a setting description.

Within guided reading, we will continue to read the story *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo and use sections of the text to help us work on our comprehension skills.

## Year 3

### Spring 1

## *Why did the Romans settle in Britain?*

## Maths

For our first unit of the new year we will re-visit place value and apply this to adding and subtracting measurements. We will learn key mathematical facts associated with measure and use this to help us compare and measure units of mass and length.

Furthermore, we will be moving on to learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute. We will also be extending our knowledge of fractions, applying this knowledge to a wider range of problems, as well as find out about different angles.

## Art

Within our Art lessons we will be constructing abstract sculptures using a range of materials. We will explore how to connect materials together using different cuts and joins, before applying this when making a larger sculpture. Finally, we will add surface decorations to add visual appeal.

## History

Within History we will investigate why the Romans invaded Britain and learn what the reaction was from the Celts. We will also find out about how the Romans changed life in Britain.

## Science

Our Science lessons will involve finding out about solids liquids and gases. We will learn about their different properties and find out about how heating solids and liquids changes their state of matter.

## MFL

During our French lessons we will learn the names of musical instruments and also develop our French conversation skills through learning to explain what we are able to do.

## Computing

For computing we be developing our programming skills by using Scratch to join blocks of code together to sequence sounds and create a digital piano.

## RE

In our RE lessons we will explore the idea of good and evil. We will consider this in the context of the Hindu festival of Holi, as well as consider whether good can come from evil.

## PSHE

Within our PSHE lessons for this half term we will be learning about how to keep and stay healthy. We will also be developing our understanding of how to stay safe online and be taking part in and completing activities related to Safer Internet Day on February the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Music

Our theme for our music lessons this half term is 'Mystic Moments.' In this unit we will learn the song *Solstice Light*, before going on to use tuned instruments to explore sustained and resonant sounds. We will then use this knowledge to create and perform our own composition that fits the genre.

## PE

For our PE lessons we shall be learning the skills required to be a successful hockey player, alongside the rules of this sport. We will also be learning dance phrases, using counts to help us keep in time, before creating our own dance phrase using dynamic and expressive qualities.