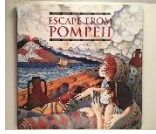




Year three

What are we learning about this half term?



English

As Readers, we will begin the half-term by reading a story called *Escape from Pompeii*, which links nicely to our Geography topic of Volcanoes. We will then read different types of poems to inspire our writing. As Writers, we are building on our skills of character descriptions from last half-term, and developing our direct speech to make a narrative. We will then explore a range of poetry, including Kennings, Haikus and Free Verse, before writing our own poems.

Geography

As Geographers, we will be learning about what our planet is made up of, and the effects these have on our people. We look at the different layers of our Earth, and how tectonic plates can cause volcanoes and mountains to form. Finally, we look into natural disasters caused by the movement of tectonic plates, such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, and the damage that can cause.



Computing

In Computing, we will be data collectors! We will look at the different types of data that we can share online, and how we can be identified online by the data we share. We will then collect data in our classroom, such as hair colour and eye colour, and used this to sort children. We will also explore databases, and see what data we can collect from these.



RE

In RE, we are learning about Hinduism this half-term, with a specific focus on what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain. We will explore Hindu temples, and the traditions that Hindu's uphold in England. It is also the perfect time to learn about Diwali- the festival of light!



PE

In P.E. we will be doing our first net and ball games topic of the year: tennis. We will be learning a range of different shots using the tennis rackets, including forehand, backhand and serve. We will then embed these skills into games where we will compete against each other.



Maths

As Mathematicians, we will be continuing our unit on addition and subtraction, again using formal written methods to solve more complex problems. After this, we will be moving on to multiplication and division. We will start by becoming secure in our 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, helping to prepare for our times table check in year 4. We will also revisit the strategies learned in year 2, and then build on this knowledge by again learning formal written methods. By becoming secure in our column multiplication, we will be able to begin to solve bigger multiplication sums.

Outdoor Learning

This half-term, it is year 3's time to do Outdoor Learning. This allows us to develop a better understanding of our planet, especially our local area. We will begin to explore the wildlife and plants that we have on the grounds of our school. We will also have chance to learn different team games, to develop our collaboration and listening skills.



Music

As musicians, we will be focusing our learning around the song: *Let Your Spirit Fly* (An R&B Song). Games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm and pitch), singing and playing instruments will all be linked. We will continue to learn to play the steelpanns with Mrs Kinsella on Wednesday afternoons.