

Creative Curriculum: This half term, we will explore the geographical causes of earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes. We will consider the impact of volcanic eruptions on humans and the surrounding area, focusing in particular on one particular day in Pompeii, in 79AD. Much of our learning across our creative curriculum will be linked to this tragic moment in history. We will be creating 'volcanic soundscapes' and landscapes in both music and art lessons. We hope the children enjoy this explosive half term!

English: We shall begin with dialogue writing, linked to the story of the last supper. Next, we commence our 'narrative immersion' (drama) unit based on the book: 'Escape From Pompeii'. The children will write from first person perspectives, producing a diary entry and a monologue. We hope, to perform these monologues.

PSHE: In circle time, we will focus on how to keep our minds and bodies healthy. We will look at balanced diets, healthy eating, how to detect early signs of minor illnesses and when to visit the doctor. We will finish off the term looking at homophobic bullying.

Home learning: Spelling tests remain on Tuesdays. Please encourage your child to read, independently or with an adult, on at least four separate days each week.

With the MTC at the start of the next half term, it is important for children to continue to practise their tables up to 12×12 , little but often is the way to go!

BEWARE THE GENTLE MOUNTAIN

Important dates

6th May: Bank Holiday, school closed

22nd May: Book share hour

24th May: school closed, INSET day

Maths: We will complete our learning of fractions, before exploring decimals. We will then move onto studying money and time.

Computing: We will finish the term making animations using Purple Mash, after learning about how to use search engines and spreadsheets effectively.

PE: Outdoor games will continue on Monday, and gymnastics will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit on each day.

Science: Our topic is sound - what it is, how we hear it and changes like pitch and volume. We will investigate how distance and materials alter sound.

RE: We will begin this half term with an RE week, studying the role of Jesus as an inspiring teacher.