Year 4 2026-27 – Autumn One

Writing

This half term in Writing, we are using our main text called Escape from Pompeii and this will be supported with an information book based on Boudicca. Escape from Pompeii is about two characters who escape from a volcanic eruption. This also links to our Geography unit about volcanoes.

Key Vocabulary

Tranio, Livia. Pompeii, Romans, volcano, escape, Mount Vesuvius
Boudicca, rebellion, Iceni tribe

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to find some facts about Mount Vesuvius erupting in AD79.

Reading

This half term in Reading, we are using our main text called Escape to Pompeii and an information book based on Boudicca. We will use the school reading VIPERS to progress further with our reading.

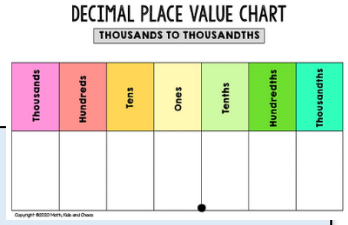
Key Vocabulary

Tranio, Livia, Pompeii, Romans, volcano, escape, Mount Vesuvius
Boudicca, rebellion, Iceni tribe

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to read another book written by Christina Balit who has written lots of books based on events in history.

Maths



This half term in Maths, we are going to be look at place value, addition and subtraction. Place value is the value of each digit in a number.

Key Vocabulary

Thousands, hundreds, tens, ones
Place value, addition, subtraction, exchanging, regrouping
Column method, compact method

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to use concrete resources like Lego or dried pasta to add and subtract.

Science

This half term in Science, we will be learning about mixtures and separating them. We will develop an awareness of the states of matter (solids, liquids and gases). We will also investigate the different ways mixtures can be separated.

Key Vocabulary

Dissolving, mixture, separation, filtration, evaporation

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to discuss examples of solids, liquids and gases from around your home together.

Computing

This half term, we have Computer Explorers starting at Netley Abbey who will be teaching the ICT curriculum. We will provide updates to this throughout the term.

Religious Education (RE)

This half term in RE, we are learning about belonging. Our focus religion is Judaism where we will look at Sukkot. Sukkot is one for the major festivals in Judaism and celebrates thanksgiving.

Key Vocabulary

Judaism, celebration, festival, Sukkot, thanksgiving, belonging

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to have a look at other Jewish religious festivals before starting his topic.

Art

This half term in Art, we are learning how to sketch and sculpt a volcano. We will be creating a paper mache volcano in small groups.

Key Vocabulary

Drawing, paint, straw, improvements

Structure, media, bottle, paper mache

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to have a look at pictures of volcanos to explore the shape and colours.

PDL

This is new to our school and we are really excited to share this learning with you. Within each lesson, we will be exploring key executive function skills. These include working memory, responsible decision making and reflection.

Key Vocabulary

Memory, attention, control, reflect

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to play a memory game by looking at a selection of items, covering them over and then trying to remember them.

Spanish

This half term in Spanish, we are learning about greetings and presenting ourselves.

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to have a look at this website for an introduction:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4bnpg8

Physical Education (PE)

This half term in PE, we will be learning gymnastics. We will be thinking about shape, balance and form. Balance is an even distribution of weight enabling someone or something to remain upright and steady.

Key Vocabulary

Sequences, travelling, symmetry, asymmetry

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to see what balances you already know and practise these before starting this topic.

Music

All classes will

- Sing, chants - unison and part-singing.
- Samba – study of rhythms within a structured form.
- Listen to music from different genres – include tempo changes and rests for impact on listener.

Key Vocabulary

Pitch, Pulse, Dynamics, Rests

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to see if you can find a video online where you and clap or click in time with the music.