

# Curriculum Matters



## Natural Disasters

This term our topic will be based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children will be exploring the cause of extreme weathers such as; tsunami, earthquake and volcano. We will also learn about the volcanic eruption of Pompeii and the impact it had.

### Science

This half term children will be looking at Rocks and Soils. We will be researching the 3 different types of rocks; Metamorphic, Igneous, Sedimentary. We will also look at how fossils are formed. In addition we will do an experiment involving soils collected from different locations.



### Art and Design

The children will be using clay to create fossils. They will be developing their creative skills using pattern and technique.

### FRENCH

The children will be learning how to say the different types of weather linking to our topic 'natural disasters'

### PSHE

Our Jigsaw theme for this half term is 'Changing Me'

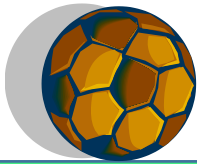
We will be discussing how girls and boys bodies change on the inside and outside during the growing up process. We will also talk about the feelings they may experience as these changes happen and come up with ideas on how to cope with them.



## English

In English, the children will be writing diary entries based upon the disaster of Pompeii. They will also be creating shape poems linked to natural disasters.

**TARGET:** Read a variety of poems and discuss similarities and differences. Example: Do all poems rhyme?



## PE

The children will continue to have their weekly PE session with the sports coach. Could you please ensure your child wears their PE kit, has suitable footwear and that earrings are not worn on a Wednesday.

## Maths

In Maths, the children will be learning about 3D shapes, angles, perimeter and direction. The children will learn to explore 3D shapes in practical context and will describe their features using key mathematical vocabulary. They will be studying different types of angles (right angles, obtuse angles and acute angles) along with learning the skill of measuring a perimeter of a shape. We will be exploring direction and ways in which directions can be given precisely.

In addition we will be exploring mass and capacity.

**TARGET**

Talk about directions (left, right, North and South, East and West)

## RE

This term the children will continue to learn why festivals are so important to religious communities. These will include; Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

## ICT



In ICT the children will be researching where Italy is and where Pompeii was before the volcanic eruption, using 'Google Earth' and 'Google maps'. They will be collecting and presenting information through using Microsoft.

Please can you ensure homework is returned to school by Wednesday and that your child is reading regularly.