



ESCAPE FROM POMPEII

EAGLE CLASS - AUTUMN



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Eagle Class! During the first half term our topic will be 'Escape from Pompeii' and will take your child back in time to Ancient Rome where they will learn about past times, traditions and the beliefs of the Romans. Provided below is an outline of what the children will be learning in some key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.

Mr Stamp & Mrs Phelps ☺

Maths

This first half term we will be really concentrating on being able to use the best methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers up to a million.

How can you help?

Please encourage your children to do sums mentally or to use written methods. If you are unsure of the correct approach to a calculation, there are links on the school website to Thorney's approach.

Please help with the Minute Games (1 minute a day to test). Knowing mental maths facts can make a huge difference!

You may find these websites useful.

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/> (login and password provided)

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

<http://mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://trockstars.com/> (login and password provided)

English

This half term we will be writing suspense stories around the idea of surviving a volcanic eruption! Using inspiration from the text 'Survivor: Escape from Vesuvius' By Jim Eldridge.

We will also be writing reports about mythical beasts and persuading people to join the Roman army!

How can you help?

Please continue to encourage your child to read their own choice of books; hearing them read and talking about what they are reading. Don't forget to sign the reading journal to get those certificates!

Spellings should be practiced daily and will be tested every Friday.

Science

In Science this half term we will be learning about the circulatory system and reminding ourselves of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, through diet, exercise and making the right choices.

History - The Romans

We will be looking at how Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried the ancient city of Pompeii and how the findings helped historians gain a clearer understanding of the Romans. We will also look at how the Romans settled in Britain, who their enemies were and how they defended themselves, as well the many inventions which have changed the way we live today.



PE

PE is going to be outdoors this half term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **at all times**, including suitable footwear. Our PE days are Wednesday & Friday.



And a whole lot more!

We will also be learning about volcanoes in our Geography lessons, the history of music, along with creating videos using green screen, preparing a Roman banquet and learning some new French words!

Welcome to Year 6!