



# ESCAPE FROM POMPEII

## EAGLE CLASS - AUTUMN 1 2025



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 Vokes, Mrs Phelps and Mrs Roberts ☺

### Maths

This half term we will be covering:

- Place value (numbers to 10 million).
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Factors, multiples and prime numbers
- Converting units of measure

#### You can help at home by:

Practising times tables – either using minute games or the Times Tables Rock Stars App. Quick recall of mental maths facts makes a huge difference!

#### Useful websites:

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

<https://ttrockstars.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 be producing some persuasive writing – to persuade people to live near a volcano and writing some information texts about the Romans*

#### You can help at home by:

You can support your child's learning at home by discussing the fascinating story of the Pompeii volcanic eruption with them and sharing a survivor's account. For a great read-aloud example of our class book watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-nGxZr6m7E>.

Encourage your child to explore their interests by researching a specific aspect of Roman life, and help them find engaging information books on the topic.

### 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.

### SCHOOL TRIP!

We have our first trip of Year 6 booked up. On **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, Eagle Class will be visiting Fort Nelson and experiencing what life would have been like for a Roman Soldier! A letter will be sent out in the coming week with further details. If anyone could spare some time to volunteer to accompany us on this visit it would be much appreciated.

### 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 & Thursday.



### Homework and Spellings

This half term's homework will follow the same format as in Year 5 and a 'Homework Menu' will be sent home with your child with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. As well as these tasks, please read with your child daily (or encourage your child to read to themselves) and practise minute games and spellings.

Spellings will be sent home

(and added to Spelling Frame) every Friday and tested the following Thursday.

### And a whole lot more!

We will also be learning about volcanoes in our Geography lessons, creating some inky artwork, preparing for a Roman banquet and learning some new French words!