

Year 4

The Romans



English

Focus Book: *Escape from Pompeii* – Christina Balit

The children will explore what life was like in Pompeii through the book *Escape to Pompeii*. They will create a diary entry focused on description, thoughts and feelings of those whose lives were effected from the historical eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

After this, the children will use their knowledge to create a newspaper article detailing the tragic events that unfolded applying the skills of a journalist.

Maths

The children will be learning how to deepen their understanding of lines and symmetry. They will also be exploring decimal numbers and compare fractions and decimals. The children will be developing a better understanding of money and how to add and subtract decimals.

Science, Geography and History

Science Sound

Key Questions:

What is sound?
How do our ears hear?
What makes sound change?
What is volume and how does it change?
Does distance affect sound?
Can you have an orchestra of rubber bands?

History / Geography The Romans

Key Questions:

Why on earth would Julius Caesar want to leave sunny Italy invade cold Britain and what would he have found here?
Why did the Emperor Claudius invade Britain?
How can we explain the power of the Roman army at this time?
What was it like to be invaded?
Why did Boudicca stand up to the Roman army and how do we remember her today?

Art and Design

We will be studying Roman Art including Mosaics. The children will then design and create their own mosaic.

Technology

The children will be learning about different food groups and how to have a balanced diet. They will be exploring the taste and texture of different foods linked to Roman banquets.

Computing

The children will be using data loggers to explore different sounds around school. As well as this, they will use these systems to investigate which materials are better sound insulators.

PE

The children will be doing dance focusing on the haka, learning this and using this to inspire their own version. Invasion games to understand possession of a space and object.

PSHE

The children will be learning about healthy lifestyles as well as personal safety.

RE

New Year Traditions

How do different religions celebrate the New Year?

Music

Each class will be learning to play the glockenspiel. This will include playing, composing and reviewing pieces of music.

Languages

Animals

This term the children will be learning all about animals, how to describe them and their habitats.

Learning Values

Aspiration

We want to be better and more adventurous with our descriptive language.
We will be inspired by our work in history on the Romans.

Responsibility

We are taking responsibility of our bodies and health.

Collaboration

We will work with a learning partner to discuss ideas.
We will be learning to listen to our partner's opinion and sometimes reach a compromise on our ideas.

Perseverance

We will learn about the perseverance of Roman gladiators and soldiers who were a key part of building the Roman empire.

Discovery

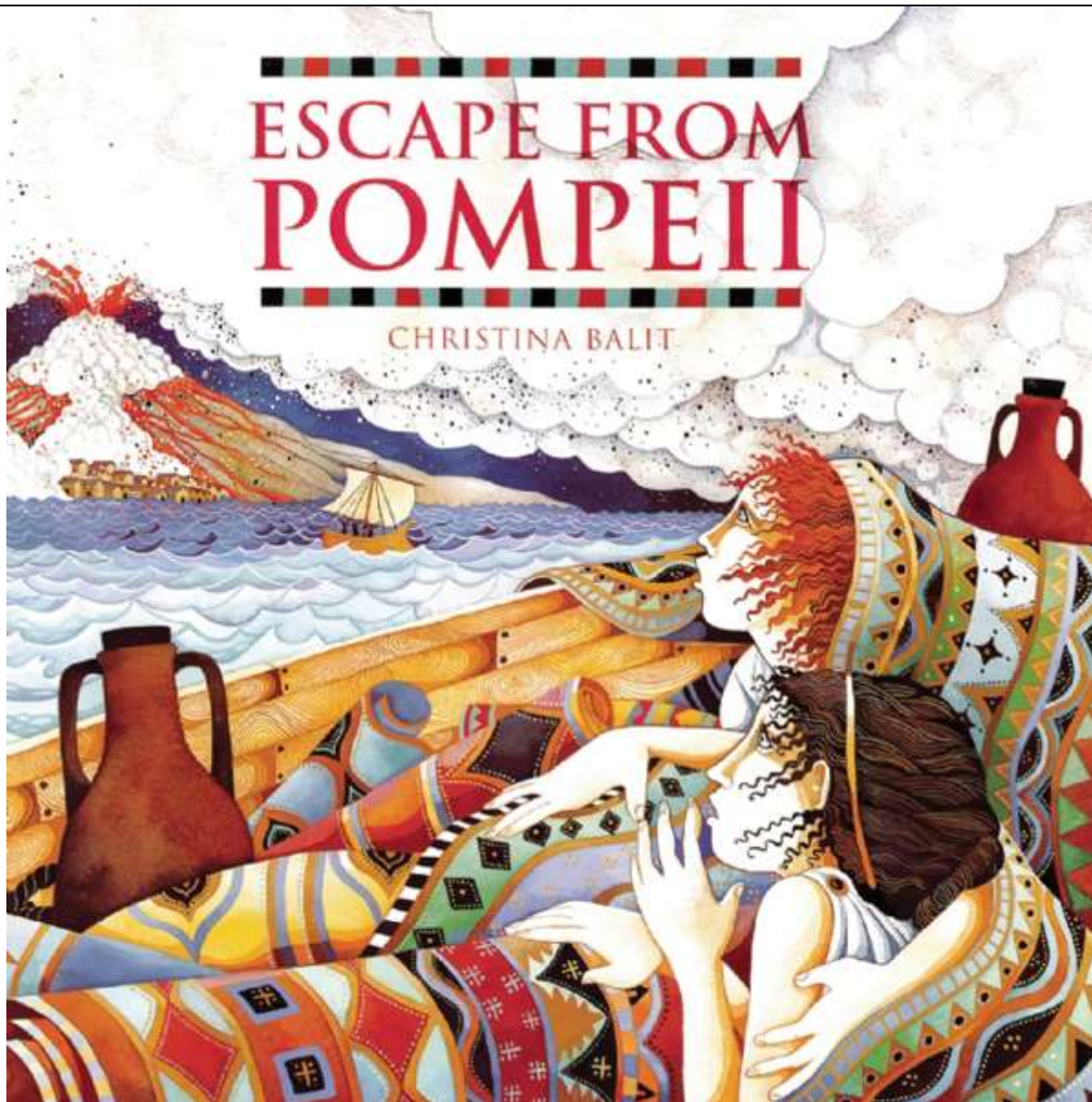
We will investigate sounds and how their and volume and pitch can be affected through different investigations.

Growth Mindset

My fantastic elastic Brain!

Escape from Pompeii

by Christina Balit



A Roman boy named Tranio tells the story of what happens in the city of Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupts in AD 79. With the ground shaking and the sky growing dark, Tranio and his friend Livia flee to the harbour, where they witness the destruction of their city.

Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

Pompeii Lost and Found – Bonnie Christensen
Romans on the Rampage – Jeremy Strong
The Rotten Romans – Terry Deary
Zoo in the Sky – Christina Balit