**History and Geography**

We will be learning about Italy by locating the country on maps whilst learning about its weather, culture and topographical features. We will learn about famous Italian cities and landmarks, and compare aspects of life in Italy to aspects of life in the UK.

We will also focus on how volcanoes are formed; different types of volcanoes and what processes are involved when they erupt (with a particular focus on the eruption of Pompeii in 79AD).

**Maths**

We will have daily sessions learning our times tables as Year 4 have a compulsory Government timed test on times table recall in June. It is vital the children know all of their tables.

**Spanish**

We will continue to develop our language skills around transport and colours. These will all help to develop our conversational skills.

**P.E.**

We will focus on cricket, dance, gymnastics (movement) and developing our orienteering and team-building skills.

**Citizenship and RE**

A major focus of our Citizenship work will be on learning how to continue to develop good relationships with both friends and family members. We will also be learning how to respect differences between people.

In RE we will be finding the answers to key questions:

1. How do people’s beliefs impact on life?

(We will discover who Owen Thomas was)

2. Why didn’t Jesus leave if he knew he was going to die?

(This question links to Easter)

**Music**

During this topic we will be learning to play the recorder and study the Four Seasons.

**Maths**

We will develop fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills in the areas of number and place value; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions (including decimals); measurement; and geometry (properties of shapes).

**English**

**Writing**

As a school our writing is based around four purposes of writing: to entertain, inform, persuade and discuss.

We will write a narrative based on escaping the eruption of Pompeii, a non-chronological report on Italy and personification poetry.

**Reading**

We will continue to develop our reading skills through Close Reading sessions in which we will read and analyse texts linked to Italy and volcanoes. These texts will be both fiction and non-fiction and the children will develop their VIPERS skills through these.

We will hold DEAR sessions too.

**SPaG**

We will continue to learn and apply a range of grammar and spelling rules.

**Art and DT**

In art we will be focusing on painting, taking inspiration from Pablo Picasso and Michelangelo. We will recreate the Mona Lisa and a Picasso portrait

Our DT work focuses on sewing through creating an Easter decoration.

**Computing**

We will learn about data handling and multimedia. In multimedia we will create a book cover to go with our escape from Pompeii story.

**Science**

Learning about states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) will take place this term, whilst developing our understanding and skills of working scientifically.

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