

Year 5

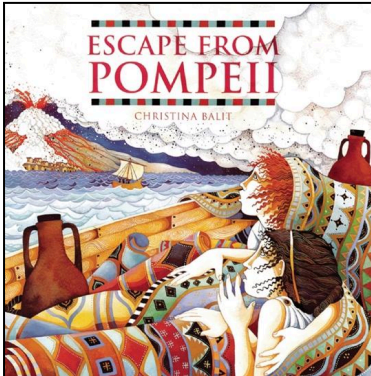
St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



Spring 1 - Learning Overview

The Hook

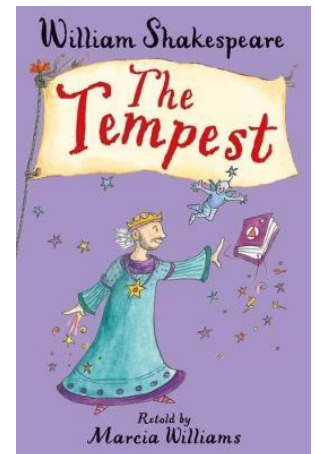


1 - Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit

To begin our Escape from Pompeii learning journey, which links to our topic on natural disasters, the children became explorers and unearthed 6 hidden clues. Working together to decipher their meaning, the children uncovered the historical eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its devastating impact on Pompeii.

2 - The Tempest by William Shakespeare retold by Marcia Williams

To introduce our new English unit on The Tempest, pupils will discover a mysterious "Magic Trunk" in the classroom. Inside are intriguing objects such as an old book, a wand, a map of an island and a mask. Children will use these items as clues to discuss who the trunk might belong to and what kind of story it suggests. This imaginative activity encourages curiosity, discussion and creative thinking before we explore the play itself. The trunk belongs to Prospero, a key character from the text.



What we will be teaching:

English:

In Spring 1 we are writing a diary entry from the perspective of a citizen of Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Our second write will be a setting description of the island when the tempest hits. The children will draw on their knowledge of figurative language and explore poetry during this learning journey.

Maths:

During this term we work through units on: fractions, geometry, addition and subtraction, and statistics.

History/Geography:

This term there is a focus on Geography. Our topic is Natural Disasters which focuses on earthquakes and volcanoes. We will also explore the impact of such disasters with reference to historical events.

Science:

Making New Substances is our topic for Spring 1. In this topic, children will learn that all matter, including gases, has mass. They will explore how mixing substances or heating materials can sometimes create new substances. These changes are usually irreversible. Pupils will also learn how to identify when a new

substance has been made by observing changes in properties such as colour, texture, state or smell.

ART/DT:

This term the focus is on Design and Technology. Year 5 is exploring food, culture and celebration by designing and making a yeast-based snack inspired by Eid-el-Fitr. Through this project, children develop practical cooking skills, creativity and cultural understanding while learning to design, make and evaluate food products.

RE:

Ritual: Wudu and Eid-ul-Fitr. The children will learn about the religion of Islam with a focus on rituals and festivals celebrated by Muslims.

Computing:

In this unit, learners will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment.

PE:

Indoor PE is Gymnastics this half term. The children will build on their balance skills from Autumn 1 with a focus on travelling and sequences. Outdoor PE is Hockey. Each week will focus on a different skill before we begin to play matches as a class.

French:

In Spring 1 we will cover: french traditions, days of the week and months of the year, and different weather conditions.

Music:

In this unit, we will explore improvisation using the backing of My Best Friend as the accompaniment and stimulus.

Messages to parents:

PE days have changed:

Indoor = Monday

Outdoor = Thursday

Remember to check the St John's jottings weekly for dates of upcoming events in school. This is emailed each Friday and is designed to keep our community up-to-date on important events in school.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

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