

**Theme:**

During this term, the children in Year 4 will be focussing on **volcanoes, earthquakes and Ancient Rome**. We will be exploring this theme in our guided reading looking closely at a series of myths and legends and non-fiction texts.

The children will be immersed in the historical evidence from the time and will explore a wide range of sources.

In **English** we will focus on:

- Myths and Legends linked to Ancient Rome.
- Recounting events in Pompeii on eruption day.
- Fact files and leaflets based on Roman Gods and Goddesses.
- Explanation texts incorporating our geography knowledge from this term.
- Volcano poetry

In **music**, Mr Crowther will be encouraging us to play our brass instruments together to create a collective sound. He will also be expanding our knowledge on the interrelated dimensions of music and increasing our understanding of musical notation.

In our **performing arts** lessons, NAPA will be helping us to develop our singing and dance skills as we perform a dance to recreate a volcanic eruption.

**Maths**

We will be focussing on time, area, fractions, decimals and further developing our multiplication skills. This will be underpinned by continuous work on our basic arithmetic skills.

We will also be using our mathematical skills to solve problems, undertake investigations and develop our reasoning in support of our answers.

We will also apply our mathematical skills in our topic of Ancient Rome as we revisit Roman Numerals.

**PSHE**

In our Jigsaw lessons, we will be discussing our dreams and goals and will be exploring what we need to stay healthy.

**Year 4 Term 2:**

**‘Fiery Fiends and Hot Hazards’**



In **science**, we will be focussing on sound and linking this to volcanoes and earthquakes. We will understand how sound travels and will begin to imagine what it would have been like during the Mount Vesuvius eruption.

We will also explore states of matter and how materials change during volcanic eruptions as a result of the extreme temperatures.

In **PE**, we will be recreating volcanic eruptions through dance using a range of movements and patterns.

We will continue to work on our gymnastics skills.

We will also develop our throwing technique to gain an understanding of what it was like to be a soldier in the Roman Army.

**WOW EVENTS!**

Through our musical theatre lessons, we will perform a volcanic showcase to the school. We perform our dance, share our poems and will have story telling morning with the children of year 3, as we share our myths and legends.

**RE**

In **RE**, we will be focussing on Saints and Heroes. We will explore key British saints and will compare these to Roman heroes. We will examine the personal qualities of saints and heroes and will understand how they are influenced by their religious beliefs.

In **geography and history** this term, we will be diving into volcanoes, locating them around the world and understanding how they work. This will also lead us to understanding earthquakes and the impact they have.

Our study of volcanoes will also take us to Ancient Rome as we research the Pompeii volcanic eruption and the impact this had. We will explore the Roman Empire and understand how this period of history links to Hull.