

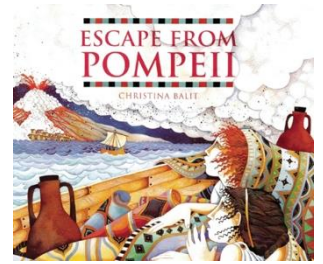


ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 4 Rationale

Autumn 1st Half Term

How did the Romans impact our lives today?



Our learning during the first half of the Autumn Term is linked to our history topic about Ancient Rome. In this topic, we will consider the meaning of the word 'invasion', question why Britain was invaded and learn about how this powerful Empire and its legacy has an impact on our lives today. Chronological understanding will be developed through comparing the position of the Roman Empire with other known time periods including the Stone Age, Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece. The children will learn what an empire is and how this ancient society compares to our modern society through the study of Roman artefacts, buildings and inventions.

To complement this, in English, the children will begin with a depth study about the dramatic historical event of Pompeii, through reading the text 'Escape from Pompeii'. This story tells of Tranio and Livia, whose lives are affected by the eruption of Vesuvius; it allows children to develop their historical understanding from a personal perspective. This will also provide children with a stimulus for their writing, which will include a recount of the aftermath of the eruption and a newspaper report of the event. In art, we will study a variety of images of erupting volcanoes, looking at: colour, contrast, tone and blending. We will draw our inspiration from the Pointillism movement and the work of George Seurat and Paul Signac.