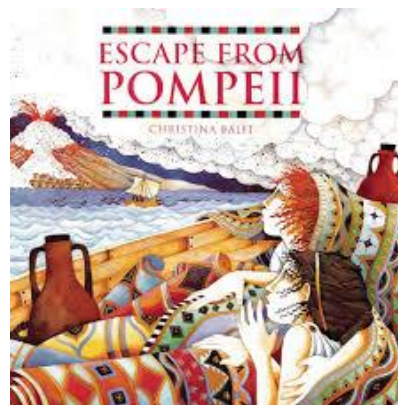


Year 4 Spring 1

A great start back after Christmas and the children have been fantastic.

English

We have enjoyed reading the story *Escape from Pompeii*. It has tied in wonderfully with our topic on the Romans. It follows the tale of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii. We enjoyed writing our own eye-witness accounts of the event using the correct tense and some fantastic figurative language. To carry on the volcano theme, for our non-fiction work, we looked at creating an explanation text about the eruption of Mount St Helens. Through our research we found lots exciting technical vocabulary to use in our text. We made sure we included all of the relevant features such as topic paragraphs, the correct tense and that it was in chronological order.



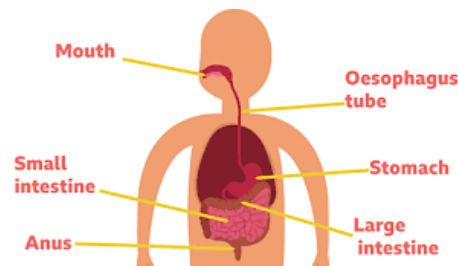
Maths

This half term we have been focusing on multiplication and division. We have looked at our times tables and related division facts as well as working on formal methods of recording our multiplication and division calculations. We have identified factor pairs and are really starting to see the relationship between the four operations. We are making huge progress with our times tables on TT Rock stars. We are all getting quicker and more accurate with our answers.

Science

Our question in Science this half term has been: What happens to our food after we eat it? We have found out how the digestive system works and how long it takes for food to pass through our system describing the process using the correct vocabulary. We have looked at teeth in great detail. We know what teeth are made from and have

used the correct vocabulary. We have found out the differences between the teeth of Herbivores and Carnivores and have investigated which drink is the best for our teeth. We could not believe the results of the egg investigation!



History

This half term we have been finding out all about the Romans. We discovered when the Roman Empire started and how it spread across a lot of Europe. We found out why the Romans invaded Britain. We discussed the construction of Hadrian's Wall and how they managed to build roads that are still standing over 2,000 years later. We talked about what life would be like in a Roman Villa and researched Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans. We have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and are superb at recalling information, key names and dates.

DT

Our topic for DT this half term was making a car. We began with looking at different types of cars and finding out how they were aerodynamic. We designed and built a chassis and axels making sure that the wheels would turn when we used the firing mechanism to power it.. The next stage was to design and make the body. We had to measure accurately to make sure it fit over the chassis. Then finally we constructed and tested our cars to see if who's was the fastest.

TT Rock stars

I just wanted to say a huge well done to all of the children for their hard work on TT Rock stars this half term. There is a real buzz in the air around times tables and their rapid recall of times tables is really starting to show during maths lessons. I would ask that the children spend some time at home on TT Rockstars. Particularly in studio as this is where we move through the Rock statuses and get our certificates.