

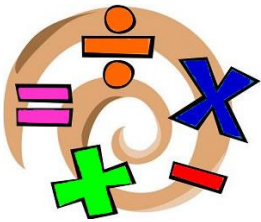
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Literacy

To start the term, we will be studying two books called 'Escape from Pompeii' and 'The Last Garden'. In 'Escape from Pompeii' the children will begin by exploring a range of artefacts to try to determine the events that have taken place. They will then move on to re-enacting an everyday scene from the city of Pompeii before writing a setting description. Then we will explore the main characters, including how their feelings change through the story, and will write letters of advice to help save them from the eruption. The Last Garden book is about a girl in a war-torn city and the little girl tends to the last garden. But everyone is leaving and soon the girl has to leave too. The garden ends up all alone but soon the seeds scatter throughout the city and the roots take hold.

Numeracy



In numeracy we will be increasing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will learn how to use arrays and columns to help us with multiplication and we will also be using place value grids and part-whole method division.

Science – Light

We will investigate light and recognise that we need a light source in order to see things and that darkness is the absence of light. We will also learn about reflective surfaces and that the sun can be dangerous if we don't protect our eyes.



History – The Victorians

We will explore the changing power of monarchs using case studies of John, Anne and Victoria. We will research the changes in social history, such as crime, and punishment from The Victorians to the present leisure and entertainment. We will also look at the

laws Queen Victoria passed such as the education act and the 1847 factory act which stopped children from as young as 8 working more than 6 hours.

Art

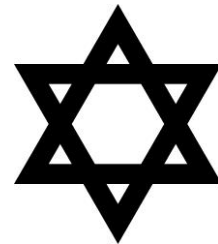
We will be learning about William Morris and his life. We will be learning that he was a British textile designer, poet, artist and writer associated with the British Arts and Crafts movement. We will be looking at his artwork and creating collages alongside printmaking with rollers and printing inks.

PSHE

We will explore the theme of 'Dreams and me' and we will be looking at how to face new challenges with a positive attitude and how to recognise obstacles which might hinder achievements and take steps to overcome them.

RE

The children will be studying how festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim. This will include identifying some beliefs about God in Islam and making clear links between communities and Ibadah (worship) in Islam.



ICT

This half term we will be developing our ICT creative skills by creating media. We will be looking at how digital and animation images work and we will use School360 to create story-based animations including music and text.

