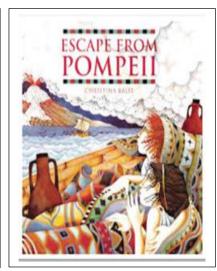


Helsby Hillside Primary School – English Y4 Spring 1 - Key Learning Overview

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit

Vocabulary development:

haggle	Roman	
protector	forum	
looming	tremor	
quiver	pumice	
awning	molten	
bray	citizen	
bolt	eruption	
muffle	earthquake	
barren	excavate	



	Children will be able to:		
Speaking and listening	Listen and respond Ask relevant questions Build vocabulary Articulate and justify answers Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives Speak audibly and fluently Use Standard English Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates Consider and evaluate different viewpoints		
Reading	Read for a range of purposes Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination Check text makes sense Ask questions to improve understanding of a text Draw inferences (characters' feelings, thoughts and motives); justify with evidence Predict from details stated and implied Participate in discussion about books		
Writing	Variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently including the progressive and the present perfect forms Use Standard English forms for verb inflections Organise paragraphs around a theme (using fronted adverbials to introduce or connect paragraphs) Use and punctuate direct speech (using dialogue to show the relationship between characters)		

Spelling	As well as revising and consolidating previous grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs) taught in KS1 and spellings taught in Y3, Pupils in Y4 will/Will be able to: Be able to spell words ending in suffix –ous, ious and –eous (eg jealous, serious and hideous) Be able to spell words with the endings –tion, -sion, -sion, -cian (eg. injection, expression, expansion and musician and common exceptions eg. attention) Be able to spell words with letters 'ch' for 'k' (eg. chemist, scheme) Be able to spell words with French origin with 'ch' for 'sh' (eg. chef and machine) Be able to spell words with -gue and –que ending (eg. league and antique) Be able to spell words with 'sc' (eg. science, discipline and crescent) Be able to choose/ spell words with letters 'ei', 'eigh' and 'ey' (eg. vein, eight, weigh and obey) Be able to spell and use words with the possessive apostrophe for plural words (eg. girls', boys', children's) Be able to use and spell correct homophones/ near homophones (eg accept/except and affect/effect)
Handwriting	By the end of the year pupils will/Will be able to: Use diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters are best left unjoined. Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting ensuring that downstrokes are parallel and equidistant and that ascenders and descenders do not touch
Writing Outcome	Fiction: historical narrative from character's point of view Greater Depth - Write from the point of view of the captain