



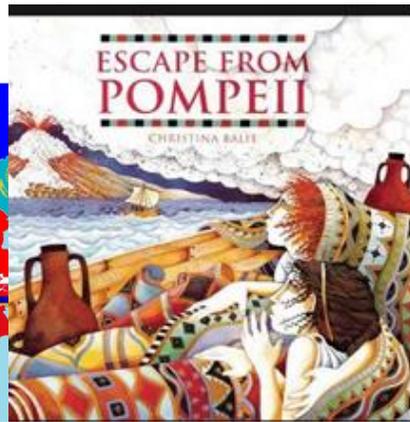
# Exploring Europe



Year 4  
Summer Term 2019

We are very excited to introduce to you our Year 4 topic Exploring Europe!

We will begin this term by exploring all the different countries that make Europe. The children will be given the opportunity to investigate their chosen European country and will present their findings with the rest of the class. We will even be holding our very own Meadowside Eurovision Song Contest!



As **readers** we will be developing our skills of information retrieval, inference and prediction through short stories and non-fiction texts.

As **writers** we will use holiday brochures of European destinations to improve our non-fiction writing by exploring the use of persuasive language. We will also be using the book 'Escape to Pompeii' to continue to develop understanding of characters, settings and plot structure in story writing.

As **geographers** we will learn about the physical characteristics of the countries from around Europe. We will also compare Italy and the UK.

As **historians** we will explore the history of Pompeii and the aftermath of this natural disaster.

## Basic Skills

We will be using our map reading skills to identify a variety of countries.

## Personal Values

We will seek every opportunity to develop our values of respect. We will learn about different European cultures and identify the different things we enjoy from them.

## British Values

This term our focus in PSHE will be 'Living in the Wider World'. This will allow us to explore our British Value - 'To have mutual respect'



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**Maths no problem:** This term our main focus will be on Decimals. We will consider how to write tenths and hundredths. We will use our rounding skills and learn how write fractions as a decimal.

**Music:** The children will be composing their own song about a country. They will write lyrics which convey the feel of the country's culture and share interesting facts. They will be adding an accompaniment to their song and performing it to others.

**Art:** The children will learn about a range of European artists and create their own art work in a similar style.

**Science:** In Science our focus will be on electricity. We will learn about conductors and insulators and consider what makes a good conductor.

The children will construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers

We will create circuits and consider the effect a switch can have on this.

## Homework:

Children will be expected to: Read regularly at home, use TTRockstars and Spelling Shed and complete English and Maths homework that relates to work they have been doing in school.

**Geography:** The children will understand the amazing physical and human geography of Modern Europe. They will create a map of Europe and personalise a passport recording their achievements. They will also investigate key European physical features, research a European country and examine the weather from each of Europe's climate zones before deciding what to pack for their travels!

## P.E

PE lessons take place on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit with them.