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Spring 2 2020/21

Year 3 Class Newsletter.

HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL, FROM
MRS HOGAN AND MRS GILL.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD
WORK AND PERSEVERANCE SO
FAR THIS TERM.

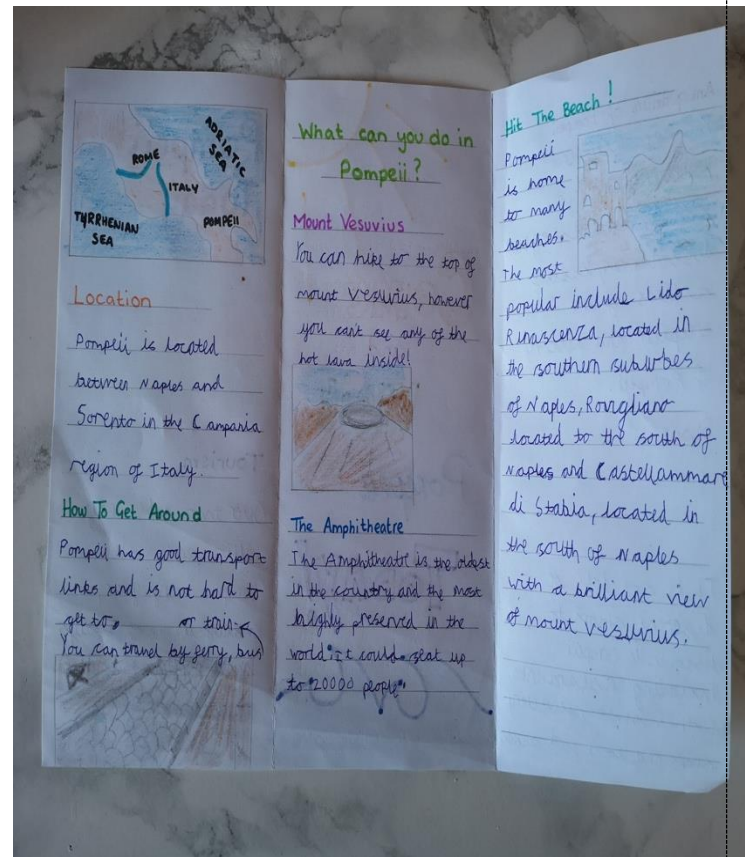
The first thing I would like to say is how much we are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday, the 8th of March. We have missed them so much! We now need to focus on positivity and the future, and work closely together to make the transition back to school for all the children, as smooth, safe and successful as possible!

Secondly, I am delighted to say that, on the whole, our remote learning and our key worker bubbles have worked very well. The children and the adults who were supporting them, settled admirably into the new way of learning and we have been so impressed with the amount and standard of the work that has been submitted. So, thank you so much for all your support & perseverance.

Keep up all the great work - it
contributes to your children's bright
future!

For the 1st part of the term we are continuing with the big question - Why did the Romans create art? We will then move on to our next focus which is, 'Why is some Art more famous than other Art?'

Last term's English, which was linked to our Connections, focused on persuasive writing. It culminated in the children designing their own 'Visit Pompeii' brochure.



This one is by Leon and we had several excellent brochures which we will display on our connections working wall, for the children to admire on their return to school

THE CURRICULUM.

TOPIC: Our new big question this term is "Why is some Art more famous than other Art?"

We will look at the human and physical features of the UK and Europe.

We will examine the work of various famous European artists, such as Lowry and Picasso, and the children will be given the opportunity to create their own work in a similar style.

ENGLISH: We have begun the term with a diary entry of a Roman soldier. We will then move on to non-chronological reports, and will end the term with some narrative writing. We will also do spelling, handwriting & grammar on a regular basis, as well reading and comprehension work.

MATHS: Our first topic this term is Geometry, where the children are learning to describe the properties of, and name, 2D and 3D shapes, using accurate language. We will then do a unit on fractions. We will end the term revisiting multiplication and division. **Please encourage the children to continue to regularly practice their times tables. They should know their 2x, 5x & 10x off by heart and should now be learning their 3x 4x & 8x tables. This is really important and unfortunately, there is no replacement for constant practice. TTRockstars is a great way to practise! We have been so impressed by the progress of the children who are regularly practising. So thank you!**

SCIENCE: The topic for this term is Light. We have begun by examining light sources and how we see things, The children will also learn how shadows are formed and about why it is important to protect their eyes from bright lights.

RE: The children will continue with the topic God/Incarnation. We will reflect on questions such as 'What is the Trinity?' and other 'Big Questions' relating to religion and their own lives. Our Christian value this term is Courage, which we will regularly refer to.

Blended Learning

We intend to continue with our blended learning approach to education. This is an approach to education that combines online educational materials and opportunities for interaction on line with traditional classroom methods. We will be using IT on a very regular basis in class. So please ensure your child continues to use online sites such as TTRockstars, Letterjoin, Mathletics, Reading Eggs, ICT games, etc, on a regular basis at home, to complement what we are learning in school.

Reading Practice:- Your assistance in hearing your child read frequently, at least 4 times per week, is appreciated and is very necessary, and very beneficial. Reading diaries will be checked on Friday, so please sign your child's diary!

Homework:- Will be issued on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. **Spellings** will be issued on a Friday too and will be tested the following Thursday!

PE; Children should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday and Friday.