

# Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy

Teacher: Miss Halloran

Class: Ash Class

Year Group: 4

This half term we are learning:

## English

- Escape from Pompeii: our first English unit focusses on the amazing short story 'Escape to Pompeii', written by Christina Balit. We will be writing short poems for effect, setting descriptions and our own historical novel about escaping the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
- The Firework Maker's Daughter: our second English focus is the novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', written by Phillip Pullman. We will be writing a missing chapter to add depth and excitement to the novel.

## Maths

- Decimals: dividing by 10 and 100, tenths and hundredths, making a whole, comparing decimals and ordering decimals
- Money: pounds and pence, ordering, estimating, adding and subtracting, and finding change
- Time: telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, using a.m. and p.m., analogue and dialogue, hours, minutes, seconds, years, months, weeks and days

## Science - Electricity

In Science we are studying electricity. We will be investigating how electricity is made, how to handle it safely and how to make a simple circuit.

## RE - The Early Christians

This half term we are looking in detail at the disciples lives after Jesus was resurrected and before, during and after Pentecost.

## History

NA

## Geography

In Geography this half term we will be focussing on volcanoes. We will be looking at Italy in particular, the volcanoes found there, how they are formed and how an erupting volcano is both bad and good for the world and habitats.

## Art and Design

In DT, this half term we are looking at alarms and how to construct an alarm to protect our belongings.

## Music

This half term we will be following the Charanga scheme of work to learn about pitch and tempo, using Music created by ABBA.

## Computing

In Computing this half term, we will be focussing on coding using the Logo software and following the Purple Mash scheme of work.

## Forest School

Our Forest School day is a Wednesday. Please come dressed in your Forest School clothes, with your wellingtons or walking boots in a bag.

## Key Dates

## PE

PE will be on a Thursday morning. We will be swimming, so please come to school in your school uniform and bring your swimming costume/ trunks, towel and goggles (if you wear them) in a bag.