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Class 4 arrived back after the Christmas holidays to find the classroom transformed into an Italian restaurant.

Our topic during the Spring terms will be about Italy and volcanoes.

In Geography we will be using maps and atlases to locate places in Italy and describe the features studied. We will also link this to maths through using compass points when locating places. We will look at the geographical similarities and differences between a region of England and a region of Italy. We will also be learning about and describing the physical features of volcanoes.

In D&T we will be researching, designing and making healthy pizza toppings, and evaluating our designs. We will also be designing pizza boxes to take our pizzas home in. This will be linked to our maths work on length and shapes, as we will be measuring the radii and diameters of our pizzas, and nets to make cuboids, to make sure our pizza's fit into our pizza boxes.

In Science we will be looking at, comparing and investigating solids, liquids and gases. We will be making our own volcanoes by adding bicarbonate of soda to malt vinegar and food colouring in different containers to see what happens. We will watch ice and chocolate melt and solidify to look at changing states.

In Literacy we will continue with guided reading, spellings and grammar practice on a daily basis. The children will be given spellings weekly on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. We will be comparing traditional fairy tales to modern fairy tales with a twist, mainly basing our work on the story of 'The Princess and the Pea' and the 'Pea and the Princess.' Our aim is to finish this unit, by writing our own fairy tale with a twist in an Italian setting, with a good beginning, middle and ending.

In Maths with Mrs Jeffery, we will be working on length and weight in measures. We will be collecting data and practicing putting this into pictograms and bar graphs. In the second half term, we will be learning how to tell the time using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock, as well as solving problems involving time, particularly using timetables. The children will have a weekly times table test on a Thursday morning.

In French with Mrs Jeffery, we will continue to build upon the skills already learned, through the use of finger rhymes, stories, games, and conversation. We will also be learning the names of items of clothing, classroom objects, how to count to 30 and use numbers in French sentences, and how Easter is celebrated in France.

In RE with Mrs Jeffery, we are looking at the Church Year, with a particular emphasis on the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

In PE with Mrs Jeffery we will become explorers in our dance sessions, as we imagine exploring the rivers, forests and mountains/volcanoes. In the second half term in gymnastics we will be rolling in various ways and putting rolls into floor sequences and using the large apparatus.

In Literacy with Mrs Woods we will be looking at performance poetry and how to engage an audience. We will be writing our own versions of some famous poems and creating our own poems to perform. I hope it will build on the children's self-confidence as well as poetry writing skills.

In Maths with Mrs Woods we are having a massive focus on fractions so that the children can become very proficient at dealing with any fraction problems. We will also be looking at compact addition and subtraction, dealing with money and finding the correct change.

In Computing we are going to be evaluating the content of web-sites, have a look for the tree octopus, it needs saving! We will also be creating our own spreadsheets, using 'Excel' and inputting different formulae.

In Art we are looking at developing our watercolour, pastel and sketching skills.