

## Year 3 Writing Update Summer 2

In Summer 1, Year 3 are reading **Escape from Pompeii** by **Christina Balit**.

Travel back in time to view the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the Roman Empire. For a Roman boy called Tranio, 24th August is a day he will never forget. As the ground shakes, the sky darkens and everyone around him runs gasping for air, he and his friend, Livia flee to the harbour and witness the destruction of everything they know and love, in one of the most terrifying moments of recorded history.

We will explore how the author uses a **variety of sentence types** in the story, such as **compound** and **complex sentences** to describe the setting and characters, create mood, feeling, and hook the reader in. All of which creates an image for the reader. We will develop our understanding of **sentence types** by using the *Escape from Pompeii* story, as a basis for writing a **senses poem** and our own **newspaper report**. We will continue to build on our understanding of story language and use **paragraphs, impersonal and descriptive language, sentence starters, join sentences with conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, adjectives, adverbs and adverbials** in our writing.

It will be helpful for your child to have access to this book during the half term break and can start reading the story.

Some useful links for these skills can be found on BBC Bitesize:

**Adjectives:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr/articles/zy2r6yc>

**Expanded noun phrases:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/z3nfw6f>

