

Driving Question:

**How can we, as tour guides, promote a trip to Italy?**

Launch:

We will launch our topic by exploring different aspects of Italy. During our Italian themed day we will find out what makes Italy special and investigate their food, music and culture!

Overview:

In our new topic, we will be taking on the role of tour guides! We will be learning about the human and physical Geography of Italy and working together to create promotional digital presentations to persuade people to visit.



**Computing**

We will use the Green Screen to deliver a persuasive pitch to Year 4 children from Ocean Academy.

**English**

We will identify the persuasive features needed when creating a speech to encourage visitors to Italy.

**Geography**

We will explore the human and physical features of Italy and compare the city of Naples with Bournemouth.

**Art**

We will be studying the work of the artist Da Vinci and will be painting in his style.

Vocabulary:

Italy  
capital  
continent  
ocean  
temperature  
mountains  
human  
physical  
trade  
tourist  
compass  
Europe  
climate

Learning conversations to have at home:

**Discuss with your child the word Europe. What is it? Where is it? How many countries are in Europe? Do they know where Italy is in Europe? Use [Google Maps](#) or an Atlas at home to locate Italy.**

*Italy is a peninsula (an area of land that sticks out into the sea). It is surrounded by the Adriatic Sea in the east, the Tyrrhenian Sea in the west and the Ionian Sea to the south. It is a popular holiday destination due to its famous landmarks.*

**Take a trip to a travel agent or look online and pick up some brochures all about Italy. Which brochures were the most persuasive and why?**

*Persuasive features: colourful or eye catching, emotive language, alliteration, rhetorical questions, repeated words, snappy slogans, humour.*

Topic Home learning:

Create a fact file about a famous Italian city of your choice. This can be presented in any creative way and must include information about that City. For extra house points, create a 3D model of a famous Italian landmark!

Due on or before:  
Monday 9th October



Future Careers:

We will be joined by a special visitor from the tourism industry who will share their job role as well as lots of examples of jobs in tourism.

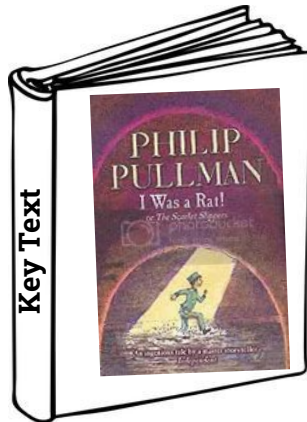
Landing:

We will be sharing our amazing persuasive digital video presentations with the Year 4 children at Ocean Academy! We will also share our persuasive leaflets with them.

**Reading** This term our key text is "I was a Rat" by Philip Pullman. We love this retelling of a well-known fairy tale because Philip Pullman approaches the tale from a completely original angle and that's one of the book's greatest strengths. I wonder if you can guess which tale it is based upon?

What does the front cover make you think of?

Where and when do you think the story is set?



If you were an animal, what would you CHOOSE to be?

What clues does the front cover give you about the story?

### English

- ★ Narrative writing focus
- ★ Express time, cause and place using conjunctions and adverbs
- ★ Subordinating conjunctions
- ★ Paragraphs

### How can you help at home?

- Explore subordinating conjunctions at home by using [this link](#) and having a go at the quiz at the end. Create sentences using [adverbs](#) to add more detail.

### Maths

- ★ Compare and order 4 digit numbers
- ★ Partitioning and [rounding](#) to the nearest 1000
- ★ Addition and subtraction.

### How can you help at home?

- Encourage your child to practice their times tables for 10 mins a day on TTRockstars
- When you are out shopping ask your child to add up two numbers mentally

### Science

We will be learning about how sounds are made and how they travel through the ear.

### Geography

We will be learning about and identifying human and physical features of [Italy](#).

### Music

We will be learning about pop music and the [style of ABBA](#) within our topic Mamma Mia.

### PSHE

We will be learning all about 'being me in my world' and will create our class charter.

### Art

We will be learning all about the work of Da Vinci and will be painting in his style.

### Computing

We will use the 'green screen' to deliver a persuasive pitch.

### Design and Technology

We will develop and apply our Design and Technology skills across the curriculum.

### Physical Education

We will be learning about tactics in invasion games and balance in gymnastics.

### Spanish

We will be exploring vocabulary around the topic of 'My Town' in Spanish.

### Religious Education

We will be exploring [Buddhism](#) and the question: 'Is it possible for everyone to be happy?'

### Dates for the diary

Thursday 7th September - Our topic launch day!  
Welcome to Year 4 Parent Meeting - Date TBC