



**Rationale**  
 This topic explored Italy. We enjoyed a taste of Italy; it's wonderful and famous food, delightful buildings and history.  
 We also looked at the geographical landmarks of Italy including Mount Vesuvius.

Creativity	Independence	Aspiration
We designed and made 'working' volcanoes for homework which we 'erupted' in class. We built structures with spaghetti and marshmallows. Children made mosaic designs and using paper tiles built	Using iPads children researched the Earth's layers and volcanoes and mountains. They also researched Italian foods and thought about which foods we could make in school. Children chose criteria for classifying rocks and tested these criteria.	In the first week we took mock flights to Italy complete with boarding passes and video take-off and landing. We looked at the changing state of spaghetti when cooked and uncooked. We enjoyed a 'feely' session with this too. We then made bruschetta in school after a tasting session at Morrisons supermarket.

<p><b>Spark</b>            Our mock flights to Italy with boarding passes and video take-off and landing were exciting.            We watched videos of a volcano erupting, animations of the Earth's layers and how rocks are formed.            We walked to Morrisons to sample typical Italian Foods (We tried; Bruschetta, Various Italian pasta salads, basil, Olives and cheeses) and choose some simple recipes to make together.            We then had a tour of the supermarket and its various departments.            Following our tour we had a well-earned drink and a biscuit in the café.</p>	<p><b>Learning Celebration</b>            Italian food making - We visited Year 2 with our Bruschetta which was gratefully received.</p>
<p><b>Role Playing/Life Skills/Real Learning</b>            Cooking Italian foods            Understanding uses of rocks for everyday objects</p>	<p><b>Community Cohesion</b>            Utilise relationship with Morrisons, our local supermarket</p>
<p><b>Out of Classroom Opportunities</b>            Visit local supermarket            Classify rocks in the garden            Serve class made Italian foods to another class</p>	<p><b>Home Learning Activity</b>            Model of volcano or Italian building using any medium  <a href="http://www.sciencemadesimple.co.uk/curriculum-blogs/primary-blogs/volcano-experiment">http://www.sciencemadesimple.co.uk/curriculum-blogs/primary-blogs/volcano-experiment</a>   <a href="http://www.learning4kids.net/2012/04/11/how-to-make-a-homemade-volcano/">http://www.learning4kids.net/2012/04/11/how-to-make-a-homemade-volcano/</a></p>

<https://www.persil.com/uk/dirt-is-good/arts-crafts/how-to-make-a-paper-mache-volcano.html>

Computing and E-safety

Ipad independent research of earth layers.

Researching different rocks and their uses on the BBC website.

Links to discrete subjects: Literacy Maths RE Music MFL PHSE

English: We created our own alternative endings to 'The Queen's Spaghetti' story.

Volcano acrostic poems. Non-chronological reports about Rocks.

Maths: World problems involving place value.

Science: Looking at and studying rocks and Soils / Investigating - what makes strong structures? Properties of rocks. Formation of rocks in the Earth's layers.

Geography: Location of Europe, in particular Italy and The U.K. Studying the physical earth, Volcanos; causes and what makes a volcano?

R.E. taking a look at Italy's religion and the importance of the Pope and The Vatican City.

Music: Take a look at Vivaldi / make a volcano soundtrack to a video of an eruption

MFL: Learning basic Italian words and phrases.

PSHE: Healthy lifestyles - food and hygiene

British Values

Compare typically English national foods to Italian national foods.

Steps to success

Find out what Italians eat.

Research and learn about major famous cities in Italy.

Go on a food tasting adventure.

Eat Italian food.

Make volcano and erupt in class

Model the layers of the earth

Watch recordings of volcanos erupting

How will the project be evaluated?

The children will be able to speak enthusiastically about their learning and present their recipes.

They will showcase their skills and learning through models of volcanos and Italian buildings.

