

# Monday 1st March

## Lesson objective: Plan a piece of descriptive writing to describe Pompeii after the Eruption of Vesuvius

To plan your writing today I would like you to do three things, you will need at least one piece of paper. You are going to write some ideas using the following planning techniques. There are bigger versions of the photos on the next few pages to make them easier to see.

### SPAM-O (usually MAPOS)

This is a method for remembering some of the tricks we can use to describe things.

SPAM-O stands for...

**Similes** (comparing something by saying it is like or as something else)

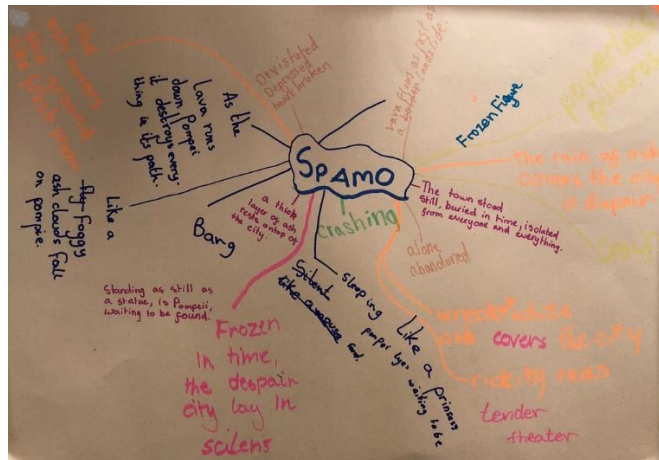
**Personification** (giving objects human characteristics e.g. the gentle mountain or the angry mountain)

**Alliteration** (words beginning with the same letter)

**Metaphors** (saying that something is or was something else)

**Onomatopoeia** (sound words e.g. BANG!)

You can mind map any ideas you have that use these devices. (You don't have to use all of them) but you did recently practise quite a few of them for your poetry!

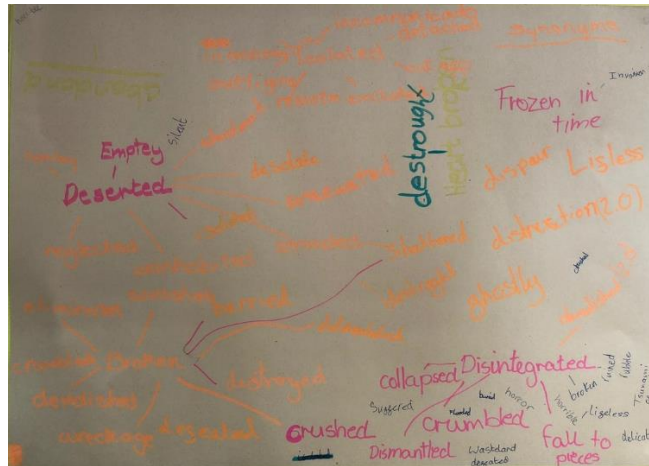


### Synonyms

Words which mean the same thing, you can think of these yourself or use a thesaurus.

You could write some descriptive words around your page and then mind map (or brain storm) other words which mean the same thing around them such as:

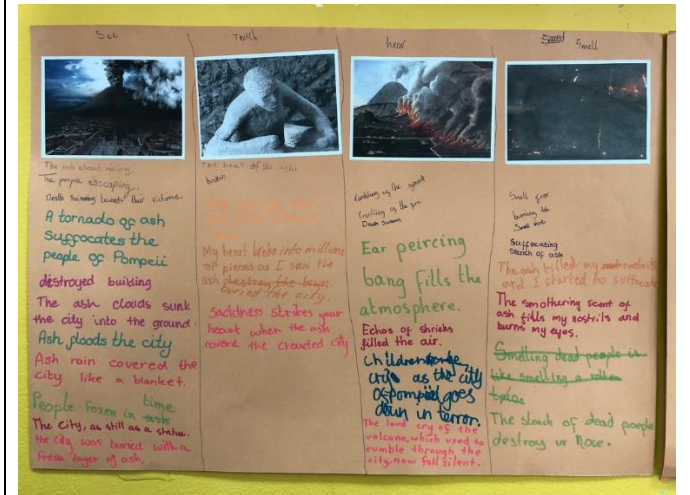
Destroyed: Demolished Devastated Ruined Wrecked Smashed – All these words mean the same thing but coming up with alternatives saves using the same 'boring' words over and over again!



### Senses

What you can smell, touch, sight, taste or hear.

You could split your page up like this and write ideas in columns under the headings see, touch, hear, smell, taste



# SPAMO

Devastated  
Depressed  
heart broken

lava flows as fast as  
a bolt of lightning

Frozen Figure

powerless  
pillars

The rain of ash  
covers the city  
in despair.

The town stood  
still, buried in time, isolated  
from everyone and everything.

alone  
abandoned

wrecked white  
ash covers the city

rickety ruins

tender  
theater

crashing

a thick  
layer of ash  
rests on top of  
the city.

Bang

Sleeping  
pompeii  
like a mouse  
fwd.

Like a  
Princess  
waiting to be

Frozen  
in time,  
the despair  
city lay in  
silence

Standing as still as  
a statue, is Pompeii,  
waiting to be found.

As the  
lava runs  
down Pompeii  
it destroys every  
thing in its path.

Like a

Foggy  
foggy  
ash clouds fall  
on pompeii.

the lava flows  
down Pompeii  
it destroys every  
thing in its path.

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Deserted

Empty  
Deserted

Silent

inaccessibly isolated  
outlying  
remote  
excluded  
disolate  
deserted  
abandoned  
incommunicado  
detached  
cut off

Synonyms

Frozen in time  
Invasion

dispair  
Lisless

distraction (2.0)

ghostly  
choked  
dismal (2.0)

destroy

Heart broken

rejected

uninhabited

stranded

shattered

eliminated

swashed

berried

delaminated

destroyed

crushed  
Broken

destroyed

collapsed  
Disintegrated

dismal

wreckage  
desecated

crushed

crumbled

Dismantled

Wasteland  
desecated

fall to pieces

delicate

Suffered

Flooded

buried

horror

horrible

broken  
likeless

ruined  
futile

Tsunami  
of ash

See



The ash cloud rising.  
The people escaping.  
Death swimming towards their victims.

A tornado of ash  
Suffocates the  
people of Pompeii

destroyed building

The ash clouds sunk  
the city into the ground.

Ash floods the city

Ash rain covered the  
city like a blanket.

People frozen in <sup>time</sup> ~~ash~~

The city, as still as a statue.  
The city was buried with a  
fresh layer of ash.

Touch



The heat of the ash.  
broken

The ash falls like  
you are being hit by  
a storm.

My heart broke into millions  
of pieces as I saw the  
ash ~~destroy the town.~~  
buried the city.

Sadness strikes your  
heart when the ash  
coverd the crowded city

hear



Rumbling of the ground  
Crackling of the fire  
Death screams

Ear peircing  
bang fills the  
atmosphere.

Echos of shrieks  
filled the air.

Children ~~and~~  
cry as the city  
of Pompeii goes  
down in terror.

The loud cry of the  
volcano, which used to  
rumble through the  
city, now fall silent.

~~Smell~~ Smell



Smell fear  
burning ash  
Small size

Suffocating  
Stench of ash

The ash filled my ~~nostrils~~  
and I started to suffocate

The smothering scent of  
ash fills my nostrils and  
burns my eyes.

~~Smelling dead people is  
like smelling a rotten  
toxic.~~

The stench of dead people  
destroy ur nose.