



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

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The aim of our newsletter is to share;
What will we be learning in school
How can we support our learning at home
Why we learn what we do and what changes can you expect in the coming term?

Spring 1 Overview.

This half term we will learn about the explosive and volatile world, of:



VOLCANOES!



We will learn about the location of volcanoes, based on tectonic plates and the differing types. We will explore their formation, history and find out about a number of case studies of eruptions! We will admire their beauty and the science behind these forces of nature.

English:

We will be writing setting descriptions based in the shadows of volcanic giants. As part of this we will explore figurative language and secure our use of paragraphs.

We will revisit non-chronological reports about the location and formation of volcanoes, before returning to narrative writing and looking at plot development.

Maths:

This half term we will be learning to use written methods for multiplication and division and develop our understanding of how times tables can be manipulated.

Perimeter and length will be investigated and kilometres, then finally fractions, including equivalents and counting in tenths.

Topics and themes for the Enriched Curriculum:

In addition to the science and geography around the formation of volcanoes, pupils will marvel at their beauty and how people have been drawn towards the dangerous foothills for centuries. We will sketch and use our art books to create observational drawings, use different media and then practice our paper mâché skills to hopefully recreate our very own explosions!

In computing pupils will be using animation to display the awesome power produced and show how the magma turns to lava before flowing down the slopes.

Our investigative minds will be challenged through science and the production of sound. How does it travel? What makes things louder? Can sound go round corners? All these questions and more will be answered.

Finally, we will open our hearts and minds to what we dream of and the goals we hope to achieve in our PSHE lessons, whilst rapping about antibullying in our music lessons.

Home / School Partnership:

Continuing this half term we would ask that you to support school at home, reading each day with your child and ensuring they complete their weekly homework that will be brought home on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday.

PE sessions will be on Monday and Tuesdays...

We have also been given the opportunity to develop our chess skills at home using the 'Chess Kids' website www.chesskid.com



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