

English

Our English lessons will be linked to our learning on volcanoes. We will begin by creating volcano shape poetry with a focus on expanded noun phrases and similes. We will read the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. We will use this as a starting point to understand the events that happened when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. We will then learn about newspaper reports and use the features we have learned about to write our own.

Our whole class reading book will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

Maths

We are following the White Rose Mastery Maths structure. We will be completing our work on length and perimeter and will then be moving onto fractions. We will continue to work on securing our times table and division facts for x3, x4 and x8.

Computing

We will be using the iPads in our computing lessons this half term. We will use the programme J2E to create branching databases and will then be introduced to the online version of Scratch.

Music

We will be continuing to prepare for our year 3 and 4 spring concert.

PE Our PE lessons will be swimming on a Monday.

PSHE

Our focus for this half term is 'Healthy Me'.

Y3 Spring 2 Why does the world shake?

Important Information

- PE this half term is on a Monday for swimming. Where possible, we will have an indoor PE session on a Friday afternoon.

Homework - Reading diaries are checked and dojo points assigned on a Friday.

Children get dojos for each day they have read.

-Children should be reading to an adult three times per week and completing 3 teacher set games per week on TT Rock stars. Knowing times table facts fluently will support the children with other areas of maths.

Science

In our science lessons we will be learning about rocks. We will begin by discussing how we can group types of rocks. Then, we will carry out different mini investigations to find the best type of rock for certain jobs. We will learn that there are sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks and that they are formed in different ways. We will identify and understand the layers of rocks and soils beneath our feet. Our learning will conclude with finding out how fossils are formed and who Mary Anning was and why her findings were important.



RE

We will continue with our focus on Christianity, in particular why Easter and the events leading up to this celebration are important for Christians.

Art

We will be creating volcano artwork. We will look at the artist Margaret Godfrey and take inspiration from her work.

Enquiry

Our topic is predominantly geography based with some links to science. We will begin by learning about the layers of the Earth. We will understand how mountains are formed followed by some of the key features of volcanoes. We will learn how they can be classified. We will identify reasons for and reasons against choosing to live near a volcano. Finally, we will learn about what earthquakes are, why they occur and the damage they can cause.