

Year 4 – Term 2

Curriculum and Home Learning Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a look at our class curriculum for the coming term and the suggested home learning activities...



English:

This term, our English work is based on our learning about volcanoes in Geography. We will be using a fiction text (When the Giant Stirred by Celia Godkin) as well as a non-fiction text (Earth-shattering Events by Robin Jacobs) to inspire our writing.

Reading:

In Reading Practice, we will be using our VIPERS skills to study the book 'Leonardo Da Vinci's Life of Invention'. The children will also be reading scripts from Shakespeare that are adapted for children.

Maths:

In Maths, we will have a short unit on measurement before moving onto multiplication and division later in the term. Throughout the term, we will continue to practise times tables daily.

Science:

In Science, we will continue our learning on Sound, exploring pitch.

Geography:

Our topic this term is Volcanoes. The children will learn about the layers of the Earth, how and where mountains are formed, the different types of volcanoes and the positives and negatives of living near a volcano.

Music:

The children will continue their ukulele lessons with Mr Connelly. As Christmas approaches, they will also be singing some festive songs in preparation for the carol concert.

RE:

We will continue learning about why Jesus is an inspiration to some people.

PSHE:

Keeping safe and managing risk.

Computing:

The children will be learning coding using the software 'Scratch.'

Art:

We will be learning how to use the Batik technique to create patterns on fabric.

Design and Technology:

The children will be practising their sewing skills in order to make a fabric book pouch which they will decorate according to their own design.

PE:

This term, the children will be doing Fitness and Netball.

Home Learning Activities Term 2

 Head	 Heart	 Hand
Research the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci – pick one of his pieces of art or an invention which you find fascinating to write about.	Read about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD and write a diary entry from the point of view of one of the people who escaped. Imagine how frightening it would have been and how relieved you would be to get away in time!	Make a model of a mountain or volcano or create a painting or sketch of a famous mountain or mountain range.
Research the locations of earthquakes and volcanoes around the world and collect some data linked to them – how often do they erupt? How many people are displaced by volcanic activity each year? What strength are the different earthquakes?	Read about some famous mountain explorers such as Sir Edmond Hilary and Tenzing Norgay who were the first people to reach the top of Mount Everest in 1953. Make a list or mind map of the personal qualities you need to be a mountain climber.	Make your own musical instrument, e.g., rubber bands around a shoe box, a straw flute, a glass bottle filled with water to blow or tap or a balloon 'drum skin' over a tube. Explore how to play your instrument and how you can change the pitch
Practise your times tables until you know them all off by heart up to 12 x 12. Once you know them all, learn all of the related division facts, e.g., $6 \times 12 = 72$ so $72 \div 6 = 12$	Create a story with a moral that would inspire people to behave in a good way.	Make and film your own safety video about how to stay safe when out and about. Think about road, rail and water safety.

If you have any questions at all, please speak to us after school or via email:

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