

Year 4 Term 3
Curriculum Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,
Please have a look over our curriculum for this coming term. If you have any questions, please send an email into the school office.
Thank you.

The Year 4 Team

English:

In English this term, we will be reading 'Escape from Pompei' which will link in with our Geography learning on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will start by using drama and poetry to help recreate the setting and what it would have been like for people living there before, during and after Mount Vesuvius erupted. Our Reading sessions will be focused on a story called 'The Pebble In My Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady. We will continue to use VIPERS to help develop vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and recall skills.

Maths:

This term in Maths, we will continue to look at multiplication and division with multiplying and dividing one, two- and three-digit numbers by a single digit. Later in the term, we will move on to length and perimeter. We will also continue to develop times tables and number fluency.

Science:

Our new topic for this term will be 'Teeth and Digestion'. We will be conducting lots of different experiments and investigations, including how different liquids affect our teeth and how the human digestive system works.

PE and Games:

In our outdoor lessons, we will be playing hockey, building up the necessary skills week by week. Our indoor sessions will be focused on gymnastics skills and balances.

Jigsaw PSHE:

In Jigsaw PSHE this term, we are focusing on our dreams and goals. We will discuss our aspirations, how we might achieve them and how to understand the emotions that go with this.

Design Technology:

We will be designing, making, labelling and then testing out our own volcanoes, linked to our Geography learning on the subject. Once we have done this, we will then evaluate them based on our design criteria.

Spanish:

This term we will learn how to talk about family members in Spanish, how to talk about personal information about someone (name, age, where they live) and understand the nouns for parts of the face.

Computing:

The children will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns.

R.E:

We will be exploring the question: "What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?" We will explore a range of religions and end the topic by looking at the life of Desmond Tutu.

Geography:

Our new topic in Geography this term is Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will learn about the layers of the Earth, and how the movement of tectonic plates causes friction and pressure to build up which ultimately leads to volcanoes and earthquakes. We will investigate the parts of the world which have the most and explore why people would want to live in those areas.

Music:

We will continue to learn the violin in our weekly lessons. This will include beginning to play songs and reading music.

Home Learning:

We really value the support you provide to your child's learning by regular reading with them, as well as helping them to practice their times tables and spellings. Home Learning will alternate between a set of times tables to work on outside of the classroom and a My Maths task. These will be set alongside spelling words to practise. These tasks will be posted on **Google Classroom** each Thursday and should be completed in Home Learning books and handed in the following Tuesday. Your child may carry out research in any of the curriculum areas that interest them this term as part of their home learning if they wish. **Thank you.**