

What makes the Earth Tremor?

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn first half term



Welcome back to school and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 4 pupils and their families. It is wonderful to say that after such a long and uncertain time! I am sure the children will quickly settle into their new routines and rise to the challenge of their new school year. This term I am looking forward to getting to know the children and learning all about them. The class will be taught by Miss Haley for the majority of the week with Mrs Goodwin teaching the class on Thursdays. Mrs Freeman will be supporting the class every day.

Year 4 will bring a range of new challenges, expectations and experiences but I am sure the children will enjoy this busy and exciting year! ☺

This term ...

Our topic this term will have a Geography focus will be learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be learning the location of the volcanoes and discovering why some places experience earthquakes and others don't. We will also find out how volcanoes are formed and how earthquakes happen. The children will also consider how they impact on the population of a place.

In art we will be learning and experimenting with different collage techniques.

In ICT we will be learning how to use technology safely. They will consider how to stay safe online and how to recognize potential dangers.

Our science topic we will be exploring states of matter, we will be learning about the three states of matter and identifying the state of everyday materials. The children will have the opportunity to investigate solids, liquids and gases and carry out experiments.

PE this half term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. PE will be outdoors wherever possible. This term our sport is cricket.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

MATHS This half term will focus on place value, rounding and Roman numerals. Progressing on to addition and subtraction. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts. The children will have a daily times table test in Year 4 please help them to practice the times table they are working on.

ENGLISH Across the school we will be studying a beautiful picture book by Oliver Jeffers called 'Here we are' We will then begin our class text which will be the 'The Firework Maker's daughter'

The book will develop both our reading and writing skills. The children will also have handwriting and spelling and grammar lessons throughout the week.

PE. Please ensure children come dressed in their PE kit on PE days. This term PE day will be Mondays and Wednesdays. If your child cannot take part, please send a note or dojo message.

HOMEWORK –homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. If children have not done or brought their homework in, they will be asked to complete it at lunchtime on Monday. Children will receive a math's task and English task each week. They will also have spellings to learn.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS –Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you and organise the children. Books will be changed as needed, please put them in the box to be changed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.

CLASS DOJO Please ensure you are registered on class dojo, it enables us to keep in contact and share important notices and updates.