

# Year 4

Autumn 1 2023

## What is a volcano?

This half term our topic has a Geography focus where we will base our learning around volcanoes. Focusing upon the features of a volcano, tectonic plates, volcanic areas, and the effects on the environment. We will be looking back at famous and historical eruptions and the impact it has.

**Swimming starts on Friday the 29th of September.** The children will be leaving the school around 9:30 every Friday to walk to Immingham swimming pool. They will be practicing and developing new skills to build up their confidence within swimming. A reminder that swimming kits must be brought every Friday and the kit be a swimming costume (no bikinis) or swimming shorts and trunks for the boys with a towel.

## Maths

The children are beginning to build their fluency and confidence around dealing with 4-digit numbers within place value.

You can help your child practice these skills at home. We are currently working on

- Place value within 1,000s, 10,000s
- Flexible partitioning of 4-digit numbers
- Estimating
- Roman numerals
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000
- Addition and subtraction using the column method.

## Multiplication times tables check-

In June next year the children will take part in a statutory times tables check. Therefore, please ensure that TT rockstars is also being used at home. The children are aware of their logins, the app can just be downloaded.

## Curriculum coverage-

In addition, within science the children are focusing upon sounds. How sounds are made, the pitch, volume and how it travels. Within RE we are focusing upon the relationship that Jews have with God, highlighting the stories and beliefs that are significant to the Jewish faith and why.

## Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is Pebble in My Pocket. In our sequence of learning we will be writing

- Setting descriptions
- Narrative poetry
- Diary entries
- Newspaper reports
- Fact files.

We are also having a big push on spelling throughout the year. The children are following the SCODE scheme in which they have 4 short sessions a week to break down their tricky sounds and words when it comes to writing. These words will come up in their weekly spelling homework on Fridays so please ensure that the children are practicing these at home and handing them back to me by the latest Tuesday.

**Reading** continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 4. Please ensure that your child is reading their book at home, and you are listening to them read before you sign them off to change their book. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

The children have reading plus log in's which they go on daily, this can also be accessed at home and impacts on children's performance in reading.