

# Galaxy Class Newsletter

## Spring

### Welcome back Galaxy Class!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great Christmas.

Our topic this term is Volcanoes.

### Reminders

Please make sure your child has the following in school every day:

- Reading book
- Water bottle
- Wellies and rain coat
- Change of clothes

### Class Dojo

Please check Class Dojo regularly, this is how we contact parents and send messages regarding events.

### Homework

Homework is set on Friday and is due back the following Friday.

- Reading twice at home
- Spelling Shed game
- Maths game

### Continuous Provision

As the children are now in the Upper Key Stage 2 class, continuous provision will still be present in the classroom, but on a reduced scale.

### PE

PE days are on Wednesday and Thursday. Some children may have PE on a different day and you will be told this on Class Dojo. Please ensure your child comes in their PE kit on those days

## Curriculum

### English

This term, we will be working on the text – 'The nothing to see here hotel'. We will be creating character studies, making predictions, consolidating using a range of punctuation and creating our own magical story.

### Maths

We will be learning:

Doubles to 50

Grid method for multiplying

Division as sharing, grouping and repeated addition

Telling the time to the minute

3D shapes and nets

Addition and subtraction

2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts

### History

In History, we will be learning about Romans. We will learn how the Roman Empire was founded and why it became so large. We will debate the for and against arguments for Roman rule in Britain. We will also explore the impact the Roman Empire had on Britain.

### Geography

We will be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be researching Mount Everest and presenting our findings to another class. We will learn how to use a 4 figure grid reference on a map and explore how mountains are formed. We will also explore how earthquakes occur and how they are measured.

### Science

In science, we will be learning about sound. We will be identifying how sounds are made and how vibrations travel to the ear. We will explore sound insulation, volume and pitch. When learning about living things and their habitats, we will be exploring and researching different habitats. We will explore classification and explore how animals can be classified.

## Art/DT

In DT, we will be creating pavilions and exploring how structures can be made more stable.

In art, we will be looking at 3D art and sculptures. We will create a variety of structures from wire, soap and paper.

## Computing

Emails – we will be learning how to compose and respond to emails. We will explore how we can keep ourselves safe when emailing.

Online safety - we will be learning how to ensure we are safe online. We will also be thinking about image sharing.

## RE

Sikh Dhrama - Expressing beliefs - we will be thinking about ways people express their beliefs, the origins of Sikhism. We will explore the symbols of Sikhism and about the Gurdwara.

Is sacrifice an important part of religious life? We will be learning about temptation and sacrifice in our lives. We will explore sacrifices Jesus made and explore foodbanks and charity.

## PSHE

This term we will be learning about puberty and relationships. This includes good and bad touch and the changes to both male and female bodies during puberty.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day or send a message on Class Dojo.

Miss Lemon

## Reading Lessons

This term, we will continue with whole class reading lessons. The children will have text read to them/read it themselves and answer comprehension questions about the text. This will include stories, poems, non-fiction etc. to expose the children to a range of genres.

## Music

Communication - we will explore making music using technology and computing. We will explore sounds for emoticons, mobile phone ringtones and apps.

Human Body - we will explore skeleton dances and sounds which teach us about the human body. We will use percussion instruments to improvise, create word rhythms and build a skeleton dance.

China - we will explore the pentatonic scale through traditional Chinese music. We will explore different ways of noting pitch as we sing, read and compose music.

Singing French - we will be singing in French and learning French greetings, vocabulary and numbers.