**Spring 2025**

Welcome back Pegasus! We hope that you’ve had a lovely Christmas break and that everyone is well rested and ready for a busy term filled with fun and learning.

Our theme this term is “Vicious Volcanoes”. We will begin by immersing ourselves into the fascinating first ascent of Mount Everest back in 1953 before discovering how volcanoes are formed and zooming in on Pompeii and the world of the Romans!

We will continue to have a whole class focus on our times tables as we prepare for the national multiplication check in the summer.

 *Miss Ward, Mrs Cann and Mr Hartigan.*

**Helping at home –** Please listen to your children read at home, this is extremely beneficial to their educational development. Children should also be encouraged to read before bed to themselves.

Times tables should be practised at home regularly to ensure children are prepared for their multiplication check later on in the year.

**PSHE –** We will be exploring internet safety, an introduction to puberty, human rights and diversity.

**Topic**

**Geography –** Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes.

**History –** The Romans.

**Art –** Sculptures: Mega Materials.

**DT –** Structures – Pavilions.

**Science –** Sound and States of Matter.

**Computing –** Writing for different audiences and mathematic problems.

**RE –** How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?

**P.E –** Our PE lessons with Mrs Jones will be on a Tuesday afternoon. This half-term we will be working on gymnastics and then in Spring 2 we will be doing team work and problem solving.

On Thursdays, we will be going to swimming lessons at Leyland Leisure Centre where we will be learning water safety skills and having fun in the pool.

**OPAL –** Children are allowed on the field during lunch time, it does get muddy during the wet weather so please ensure your child has wellies and a change of clothes in school.

**Maths**

We will be continuing to follow the Red Rose Mastery scheme of work. We will be finishing our 2D and 3D shape unit before we re-visit the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and build on our knowledge of fractions from Year 3. We will also explore place value, money, position and direction, area, statistics and measures.

**English**

Our first English unit will be centred around discussion and debate using the Wallace and Gromit short film ‘A Matter of Loaf and Death’. Following this, we will be looking at how adverts use persuasive techniques and creating our own.

In spring 2, we will be using the theme of climate change to aid us in creating explanation texts before we move onto looking at the fantastic novel ‘The Last Bear’ by Hannah Gold.

Reading books and records need to be in school every day and will be checked on a Friday.

Spellings will be taught in a 20 minute session on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will have a 20 minute Spelling Shed session on Thursday and then there will be a spelling test on Friday.