











Year 3 and 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2025

This half term in Year 3/4 our main topic is:

Asia: Volcanoes & Earthquakes

<p>English</p> 	<p>This term, children will be concluding our learning about Mr Stink. We will then be going on to read 'Escape from Pompeii' and use this as a stimulus to write our own diary entry from the point of view of key characters. Towards the end of the half term, we will compose our own poems using our learning about volcanoes.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This half term, we will continue to develop fluency with written calculations and apply our skills to reasoning and problem-solving activities. We will be using formal methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication as well as continuing to learn our KIRF targets.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In science, we will be deepening our learning on rocks and soils. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties and move on to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Over the course of the unit we aim to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Our humanities focus is 'Asia: Volcanoes & Earthquakes'. Throughout the unit, children will study physical and human features in Asia. They will learn about tectonic plates, how earthquakes happen, how volcanoes are formed and study the impact these have on the land and people in the areas where they occur.</p>
<p>Art/DT</p> 	<p>In art, children will learn about volcano-themed artwork using watercolours. They will complete research to investigate and analyse the work and techniques of famous artists. They will create their own watercolour volcanic artwork and evaluate their finished piece in comparison to Margaret Godfrey's artwork.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>During our indoor PE lessons, children will be completing a REAL GYM unit, developing their gymnastics skills with and without apparatus. In outdoor sessions, children will develop and apply their reaction and response and floor work balance through focused skill development sessions, cooperative games and personal best challenges.</p>
<p>PSHE & RE</p> 	<p>'What do Christians believe about a good life?' is our RE theme. Children will learn about the importance of the Bible for Christians – what it is and how it helps them to live their lives. Children will also explore Jesus' teachings about rules and behaviour in relation to a variety of Bible stories and parables.</p> <p>In PSHE we will begin our relationships and sex education learning and look at what part of our bodies are private, how to care for our bodies and look at scenarios to decide if they are risky.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>As musicians, in preparation for our KS2 Christmas Performance at Pudsey Parish church, we will explore a variety of festive songs, accompanying music with our voices and with instruments.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>In computing we will be focussing our learning around Be Internet Legends and look at what it means to be Internet Alert and Internet Sharp.</p>
<p>Spanish</p> 	<p>In our 'Animal' unit children will learn how to recognise, recall and spell up to 10 animals in Spanish with their correct indefinite article/determiner. They will use the high-frequency 1st person conjugated verb 'soy' (I am) from the infinitive verb 'ser' (to be).</p>

Dates for your diary!



Monday 3rd November
All pupils return to school.

Tuesday 4th November
RSE Parents Workshop

Monday 10th November
Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 12th November
EYFS Open Evening

Friday 14th November
Children In Need

Wednesday 3rd December
FROGs Xmas Fair

Tuesday 9th December
Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 11th December
KS2 Xmas Concerts
9.15-11.15am
6pm-8pm

Monday 15th December
KS2 Back Chat Brass

Friday 19th December
School Closes



Celebration Assemblies

These will continue to take place **fortnightly on a Friday at 9am in person in the school hall.**

As usual, you will receive a text on the Wednesday if your child is going to be presented with an award on the Friday of that week.

PE Days



Y3 Confident Chameleons

Wednesday

Y3/4 Adventurous Anacondas

Friday – Yr 3 Indoor/Yr 4 Swimming am and Y3/4 Outdoor pm

Y4 Persevering Pumas

Monday – Outdoor
Thursday – Swimming

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit, appropriate to the weather conditions. Remember to ensure these are plain green hoodies or jumpers, black jogging bottoms and white plain t-shirts that do not display any large logos or badges.

Long hair needs to be tied up and ear studs removed or covered with tape.

Year 4 Swimming Days

Children will need to wear their swimming costumes under their school uniforms. Remember to bring a towel in a suitable backpack/carry bag.

If required, children need to bring their own goggles. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed before entering the pool.

Rules and Routine Reminders

Children need to bring their book bags, planners, a water bottle, lunch box and snack into school with them every day.

All classes will enter and exit through the side door in the KS2 playground and make their way to their cloakrooms.

You have 5 minutes to drop off in a morning (between 8:40 and 8:45am).

Pick up for children is at 3:15pm.

Homework & supporting your child at home:



In line with our homework policy, online **Mathletics** homework will be assigned weekly. We assign up to 3 **Mathletics** Activities, which are related to taught year group objectives in lower key stage 2: www.mathletics.co.uk

English

English homework will be sent home every Friday in their homework book. This could be a reading, handwriting, grammar or writing activity, or a mixture.

Spellings

Spellings will be weekly, and will also be in their homework book. These will be tested every Monday.

In addition, we strongly encourage the following:

- Daily **TT Rockstars**

www.ttrockstars.com

- Daily **reading**

Please continue to regularly listen to your child read at home and encourage them to use reading materials assigned by their teacher/s.

Weekly **KIRF Target** practise

Please find time to practise your KIRF targets at home.

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Year 3:

- Know multiplication and division facts for 4 times tables.
- Count on and back in 50s from different starting points.

Year 4:

- Speedily recall multiplication and division facts for 9 x tables. Count on and back in 25s from different starting points.

The children's updated login details for online platforms we subscribe to are glued inside their planner (**Mathletics**, **RWI Oxford Owl Spelling** and **Times Tables Rock Stars**).