

Year 4 Term 1 – Earth Shattering Events (GEOGRAPHY)

In this topic, we will be learning about how our planet, The Earth, is made up and how this can sometimes cause devastating events. We will be learning about how earthquakes and volcanoes are formed and looking at areas where these most regularly occur. We will also be looking at some specific events and compare them to find similarities and differences. After, we will look at how humans have developed ways to cope with these events and continue to live in areas that otherwise might be uninhabitable.

MATHS

This term we will practice using our addition and subtraction to solve problems, deciding which method is the most appropriate method to use in different situations. We will also be learning about how to measure the area of different shapes. As well as this, we will have a big focus on learning our times tables this term.

ENGLISH

Our class text is “The Secrets of Mount Vesuvius”. This tells a story set in Pompeii at the time of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We will use this as a base text to learn a variety of reading skills. We will be writing explanation texts and adventure stories linked to our topic.

ART

We will be looking at the work of two famous artists, Hannah Hoch and Ansel Adams. We will use their artwork as inspiration to make our own collages of a volcano.

COMPUTING

This term in ICT we will focus on animation. We will be looking at the history of animation and learning about how it has developed over time. We will also be looking at how we can use different technologies to make own animations.

SCIENCE – Sound

The children will learn how vibrations cause sounds, how sounds travel and how sounds can change pitch and loudness. The children will learn how sounds are made, carry out demonstrations and complete a sound survey of our school.

MFL

In this ‘On the Move’ unit, we will learn how to give people directions and instructions on how to get somewhere and learning how to talk about different modes of transport.

MUSIC

This term, as well as learning to sing and perform songs and discussing what we like and don’t like about songs. We will also learn to play the recorder.

RE

This term in RE we will be focusing on the question: “What makes some texts sacred?” We will be looking at different religious texts, identifying the key events that led to their writing, explaining the difference between them and drawing connections between different beliefs and practices.

PE

Our outdoor PE this term will be Tennis, on a Wednesday. Our indoor PE will be on a Tuesday and will be Dance, which will teach the children a variety of dance techniques, taking inspiration from this term last terms topics.

PSHE

In this terms unit, “VIPs”, we will be learning about how important our families and friends are and how important it is to look after them. We will be looking at the different problems we can have and think about different ways to rectify the situation.