

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope you have all had a lovely half term and ready for the busiest and most exciting time of the year.

English

This half term's English lessons will be based around the book 'Blue John', By Berlie Doherty. This is about the queen of darkness who lives deep underground beneath a mountain with her child, Blue John, a boy made of glacier. Blue John is forbidden to leave his mother's side. The children will have the opportunity to write a setting description and explore what an explanation text is.

Geography

In our fascinating geography topic Earthquakes and Volcanoes, children will develop their understanding of how volcanoes are formed and the causes of earthquakes. Famous volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis will be considered along with their impact on human life and the environment.



Maths

Our maths focus for this half term is building strategies for calculating addition and subtraction. Throughout this topic children will build on that knowledge, working towards adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit (Y4 4-digit) numbers with exchanges. To be successful with this, it is essential that children are confident in both using and applying their number bonds to and within 10

Science

In science our new topic is Electricity. Pupils will identify common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple series electrical circuit, Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit, Recognise some common conductors & insulators.

We will learn the circuit symbols and be able draw simple circuit

In **Music** the children will be given learning opportunity about the language of music through playing glockenspiel. The learning will focus on exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel



Reading

Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary. Please make sure your child is reading at home a minimum of **ten minutes daily**. This is a part of your child's homework.

PE

Our PE Day is Wednesday (Y4 Swimming) and Friday ALL children must come to school in PE kits on these two days.

Computing

The children will learn how stay safe on the internet and how to protect themselves from online identity theft. We will be aiming to improve children's well-being by discussing the importance of balancing game/screen time with other aspects of our lives.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask

Mrs Mistry