

# YEAR 3/4 NEWS

## Rivers and Landscapes

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely and relaxing half term holiday. A warm welcome to you all, to an exciting Spring Term.

### English

This half term's English unit is based on a fiction story 'When the Giant Stirred' by Celia Godkin.

This story is about a small island in the Pacific, that exists in perfect harmony, where all the plants, animals and people are independent. But the islanders live with knowledge that their mountain god sometimes grumbles and threatens to awake. Children will be given opportunity to write their own recounts from a villager's point of view and also recall their knowledge from our previous geography topic of Volcanoes.

### Geography

In our fascinating geography topic, Rivers and Landscape children will learn, what mountains, rivers and coasts actually are and learn some of the effects they have on the world around them. Children will learn about the climate, human interactions and lifestyle shaped around mountains, rivers and coasts around the world.



### Maths

In maths this half term the class will be working on the full range of age appropriate Year 3 & 4 arithmetic skills as well as also learning and exploring:

Year 3 and 4

#### Multiplication and Division

Children will recall at speed all their multiplication facts to 12 times tables. They will learn how to multiply and divide by 0 and 1 and also begin to work out formal written methods for multiplication and division.

#### Length and Perimeter

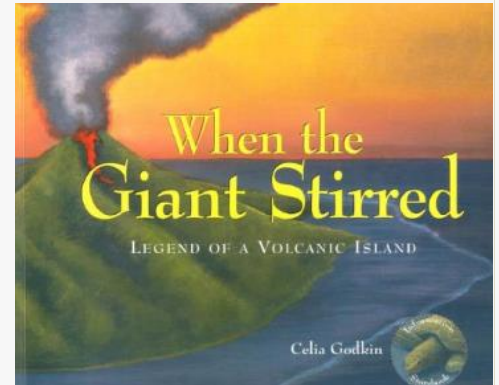
Pupils will revise these skills, initially using a ruler to measure objects in centimetres. They will then combine both units of measurement, such as 1m and 20cm, for example by measuring the lengths of desks or the heights of children in the class.

### Science

#### Living things and their habitat

Pupils will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name different living things in their local, wider environment. Pupils will be given the opportunity to discuss how the environment can change and how this can pose dangers to living things.

In music children will explore a range of classic music. Children will learn to identify key instruments, tempo, pitch and beat. Children will play games to help listen and appraise different music.



### Reading

Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary. Please make sure your child is reading at home a minimum of **10 minutes daily**. This is a part of your child's homework.

### PE

Wednesday: Year 3 – PE Day  
Year 4- Swimming  
Friday: Year 3 & 4 PE Day

Please ensure that pupils come to school in full PE kit on PE days.

### Computing

In this unit the children will use 2Type which can be found within the Tools area of Purple Mash and is designed to help the children learn the basics of quick and efficient typing. Typing, as with handwriting, needs regular practice and although the unit will give the children a basic understanding, regular and consistent practice is needed. Children will take part in numerous games to improve their typing skills.



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

**Mrs Mistry & Miss Scott**