



Year Group: 4 Term: Autumn Term 1 Teachers: Mrs Guy and Mrs Wilson

Literacy

Fiction:

Inspired by our Geography work, Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit will be our focus, allowing children to write descriptively about characters and settings.

Non-Fiction:

We will be writing a newspaper report inspired by our geography topic, volcanoes and our fiction text.

Poetry:

Acrostic poetry will be the focus for this half term.

Reading, Grammar and Spelling:

Weekly reading sessions will start on the first week back, giving children the opportunity to earn their stars on their reading bookmarks. A skills fortnight will kickstart the Autumn term, allowing children to recap key skills taught in Year 3 as a starting point for learning Year 4 skills. Daily reading and spelling practise will really support our learning.

Science-Teeth & the Digestive System

In Science, we will be investigating teeth and the human digestive system. We will be working scientifically to investigate how everyday life affects our teeth and digestive system by designing our own experiments.



Maths

We will be securing the children's understanding of number and place value as well as adding and subtracting with more formal written methods. We will focus on quick recall of the 2, 4 and 8 times tables.



Art—Storytelling Through Drawing

The children will experiment with different drawing techniques to tell stories through art work.

They will look at new and familiar illustrations to support learning new skills and developing existing ones.

PE

Health Related Fitness - children will get their heart rates racing participating in high intensity circuits!

Gymnastics - The children will develop their balance and co-ordination whilst incorporating rolls and movement into a routine.

Key vocabulary -

Science: digestion, decay, molar, premolar, incisor and canine.

Geography: structure, continent, volcano, geographical zone, eruption, lava and magma.

Geography—Why do people live near volcanoes?

This topic is all about volcanoes: looking at how they are formed, their structure and where in the world we can find them. The children will learn about the different geographical zones of the Earth and the 'Ring of Fire'.

We will explore the structure of the earth and volcanoes, looking at how eruptions happen and the impact they have on towns and cities.

For example, the town of Pompeii and what happened to it and its people after the famous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD.



PSHE

Safety First: we will discuss how to keep ourselves safe from everyday hazards including e-safety.

Computing

Digital Literacy: In computing, we will explore digital literacy and online safety covering topics such as privacy and online identity.

Music

We will follow the charanga unit 'Mamma Mia', exploring different musical elements in the context of popular music. We will continue to learn to play the **recorder**, consolidating notes B, A and G from Y3.

