

CLASS 3NH

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS

THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...

WHY DO VOLCANOES BLOW THEIR TOPS?



Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:-

- Writing in the style of a suspense story
- Report writing
- Diary writing

To go alongside the new topic, we will be reading the story book, *Escape from Pompeii* throughout our literacy lessons.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study for this half term will be:-

- Adding and subtracting numbers using mental strategies
- Written multiplication and division methods
- Problem solving

Your child shall continue developing their knowledge of the times tables and will be tested every Monday. I would appreciate if you could support their learning by practising their times tables at home. Our main focus will be the 3, 4 and 8 times table.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on the unit 'Rocks'. This will include investigating the strength of different rocks and creating our own volcanic eruption. Children will be applying their skills to practical and fun experiments to help develop their learning within Science.

RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be discussing the significance of Easter and why we celebrate the festival. Our PSHE lessons will be focusing around how to be healthy.

Music

In Music class NH will continue to develop our recorder skills by composing our own musical pieces using the notes we learnt last half term,

ICT/French

In ICT we will be focusing on how to send and receive emails. We will also continue further developing our word processing skills. French will continue to be taught by Madame Bonnot.

Art/DT

In Art and DT we will be learning about Andy Warhol and creating our own Pop Art painting. Also, in groups, we will be building an erupting volcano.

History/Geography

Our History and Geography lessons will be focusing on how volcanoes are formed and learning about famous eruptions such as the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. We will use atlases and iPads to research and develop our understanding of where in the world volcanoes are located.

PE

During Spring 2, lessons will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. Outdoor kit and trainers are also required on this day, as wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night. Please discuss with your child what they've read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day. All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 books.

Homework/Spellings

Homework and spellings will be set on Mondays. A short spelling test will be carried out the following Monday. Children will have a week to return their completed homework. Please come see myself or Mrs Leonard at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns.