

CLASS 3MW

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

VOLCANOES- WHY DOES THE EARTH BLOW ITS TOP?



Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Playscripts
- Poetry

We will be focusing on the text 'Escaping Pompeii' by the author Christina Balit. As a class we will be writing a narrative about the escape from Pompeii and focusing on describing the setting in great detail. We will also be writing a playscript using images from the text to imagine what the characters would be saying. The children will also be developing their grammar, punctuation and inference skills.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Light.' The children will be able to describe what light is and why we need light. As a class we will be explaining that light can be reflected from a surface. In our scientific investigation, we will demonstrate how a shadow is formed and observe shadows over time.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?'

The children will be identifying the core beliefs of Sikhism and be able to discuss the teachings of the Gurus.

The children will make clear links between the Sikh scripture and the actions of Sikhs. As a class we will be asking questions about Sikh life and discussing the importance of the Sikh holy book.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme, as well as books to encourage children to share stories with you and read for pleasure.

Please discuss these with your child and sign their reading record daily and return them to school each day.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Changing Me.' This will cover understanding that everyone is unique and special, as well as expressing how they feel when change happens. The children will then be able to look forward to the changes ahead of them.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Counting in tenths
- Ordering fractions
- Telling the time to 5 minutes and using a 24 hour clock
- Right angles in shapes and recognising 3-D shapes
- Measuring mass and capacity

We will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, as well as revisiting and consolidating the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

Geography

In Geography we will be focusing on Volcanoes and our objective is to answer the question 'Why does the earth blow its top?' The children will be explaining what a volcano is and finding information about volcanoes. We will be focusing on the tectonic plates and how the Earth is like a jigsaw. The children will also be able to locate the tectonic plates and understand what it is like to live near a volcano. The children will then be able to compare and contrast areas with volcanoes and areas without. They will then be able to make an informed decision about whether they would want to live near a volcano or not.

Music

In music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs and playing instruments.

Computing/French

In computing we will be focusing on programming and using the program Scratch to achieve this. We will be identifying commands and the outcomes, as well as creating their own sequence and designs. ICT lessons will have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.

The children will continue to have the brilliant opportunity of learning French with a specialist language teacher.

Homework

Times table books will be handed out each week. A times table test will be completed every Monday.

Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Art/DT

Our Art and DT lessons will be linked to the artist Andy Warhol.

The children will have the opportunity to research the artist and his work. The children will also be developing their artistic skills by creating a painting of Mount Vesuvius in the style of Andy Warhol allowing them to focus on his style and develop their own artistic skills by recreating this style in their own way.

PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their skills following our Real PE units. PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday.

PE lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt, as well as their outdoor kit. Trainers are also required on this day.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at mworral@stjameshull.co.uk or ring the school office if it is urgent.