

Year 3/4 Curriculum – Spring 1

GEOGRAPHY

Our planet is an active, evolving planet with many natural wonders across its landscape. Perhaps the most violent and unpredictable of these wonders are volcanoes! This term, we will begin to understand the different parts of types of volcanoes and study the reasons why, despite their danger, so many people still live and work in their shadows. Our studies will take us all around the world, including Japan, Italy and Hawaii as we look for patterns in the location of some of the world's most famous volcanoes.

ART

In Art, we will discover the beautiful painting of the Hokusai Wave. We will learn about different techniques in order to create our very own version of this masterpiece.

ENGLISH

After thinking about different vocabulary through poetry, we will start our journey by reading 'Escape from Pompeii'. From here we will think about the eruption of Vesuvius from a personal perspective and write about our characters survival of the great eruption. We will also act as journalists, reporting on the even with eye witness accounts. We will also read 'Rhythm of the Rain' and write our own stories as a droplet of water travelling through the water cycle.

MATHS

In Maths, we will continue to learn our times tables and use this knowledge to develop our skills on division and long multiplication. We will also begin our learning on fractions.

HISTORY

History is littered with massive eruptions and this term we will carry out a case study all about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We will look how the people of Pompeii lived in the days before the huge eruption and look at the aftermath and lasting legacy of such a massive event in human history.

COMPUTING

Using our expanding knowledge and skills we will be finding out how to use desktop publishing in Computing this term.



Violent Volcanoes

CHARACTER EDUCATION/PSHE

Feelings and emotions will be explored in our PSHE lessons and through Character Education, we will be focussing on cleanliness and what our friends need from us.

Music

'In the Past' and 'Time' will be focussing on timbre, pace and structure this term.

SCIENCE

This term, our budding scientists will be finding out all about how materials can change between solids, liquids and gases. We will conduct experiments to find out the boiling points and melting points as well as use scientific vocabulary to discuss our findings. We will then move on to find out about the water cycle and how important it is to all the living things on Earth.

RE

We will be thinking about the Islamic faith in RE this term, focussing on Muslims beliefs about the oneness of God and how this connects with harmony within the world. We will also learn about different celebrations that Muslims celebrate, before making comparisons between Islam, Hinduism and Christianity, with the focus on Community.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

As we continue to find out more about the destructive power of a volcano, we will attempt to create our own volcanoes to erupt in a sea of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. We will carefully plan, make and evaluate our ideas, as well as thinking about the design and shape of our volcanoes.

P.E.

In PE, we will be covering football skills and orienteering skills, both of which require excellent teamwork!

FRENCH

'On fait la fete' (Celebrations) is this term's focus.