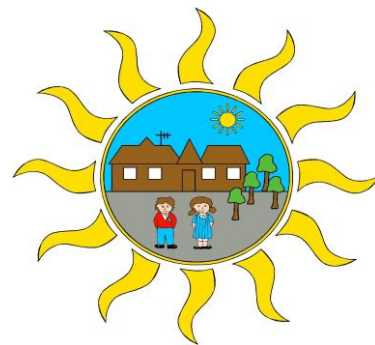


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31st January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term! As you probably have already been told, our topic this term is **Extreme Earth**. This topic will encompass the ideas and interests of the children and kicked off with making and exploding our own Volcanoes. The children will follow daily news events across the world that link to Extreme Earth and record these; to get a better understanding of countries that have different weather patterns to the UK.

This topic incorporates a lot of Science - the children will learn about Earth and Space; explain how day and night occur and learn about the planets in the solar system in relation to the Earth. The children will also learn about light- how it travels and how we see.

In our Literacy work, we are studying two books - The Arrival by Shaun Tan- this is a word less book and tells the story of a man who has to leave his home and family (for an unknown reason) and travel to a new country. Our second book is based on the Amazon rainforest and is called The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. There will be many opportunities for fiction and non-fiction writing stemming from both of these texts. Please ask your child what they have been doing in their Literacy sessions because the quality of work they are producing is fantastic. In Maths, Year 6 will cover Fractions, decimals and percentages, before moving onto algebra and Years 4 and 5 will cover multiplication and division and move onto learning how to calculate area and volume. We are trying really hard to ensure that every child has rapid recall of their multiplication facts up to 12x12 so please, please keep practicing this at home. Some children will have times tables to learn each week at home. Don't forget they can also keep practicing on Times Tables Rockstars - if they have lost or forgotten their password please message me on Dojo.

Finally, we are continuing to hand out spellings once a week (on a Tuesday) and will be tested the following Friday. Homework will come home on a Friday and be collected in the following Tuesday. Please also ensure that you try and read with your child as often as possible- the children now get Dojo points every time this happens and it really makes the biggest difference to their reading ability. It is particularly useful to discuss any key words that they don't understand.

If you ever have any concerns, please do feel free to pop in and see me or message me on class dojo. As ever, I am continually looking for any volunteers that could spare any time at all to hear children read or practice spellings or times tables. Let me know if you think you could help.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hines



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