

Welcome back to what is sure to be a very busy half term. This half term we will be focusing on our main Geography topic, Furious Fuji. Some key dates for you to remember:

- Parents Evening: 9th/12th/13th Nov
- Children in Need (own clothes for £1 donation): 13th Nov

Other dates tbc

- Xmas jumper day
- Xmas party day

Furious Fuji

Reading

It is vital that ALL children continue to read at home. We ask all parents to sign the reading diary each time they hear their child read. We advise that children read a least 4 times a week. **If your child reads to themselves please question your child** to ensure their understanding, asking about the plot, characters, setting along with what certain vocabulary means.



Times Tables

The children will continue to have weekly times tables tests. Please continue to practise these with your child each week.

We have already seen a huge improvement in the children's instant recall. In June the children will be required to do a national time table test in which they will be tested up to 12x12, so speed and fluency will be important.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Please encourage your child to go on TT Rockstars every week. Little and often is the key. 10min, four times a week will really make a difference!



Home Learning Grid

This half term we have put together a new home learning grid. Its aim is to further inspire the children to select a piece of homework to undertake each week. The children may choose **one** activity from the English and **one** from the Maths section, plus 4 from any other sections, but please ensure they bring evidence into school so we can mark and keep a log of the points. We aim to make home learning as enjoyable and flexible as possible, while also getting the children into a routine for future years.

PE

Games - Both classes will continue to do games each Friday. Please ensure that children have their outdoor games kit, including trainers in a plastic carrier bag. As it is colder now, please include warm tops and bottoms.

SWIMMING

Children WILL continue to go swimming this half term. Please make sure all earrings are removed at home.

Spellings

Spellings are given out on a Monday and will be tested the following week. Please help your child with these including going over previous week's spellings. Many children are able to remember their spelling for the test but are unable to apply them in their independent work.

English:

Genre: Non-chronological reports/ poetry

- To write non-chronological reports
- To write creative poetry focusing on imagery including figurative language.
- Spelling correctly in independent work the Year 3 & 4 spelling words
- Grammar: conjunctions, apostrophes, prefixes, suffixes

Maths: Multiplication and division

- To recall multiplication and division facts fluently
- To use formal methods of multiplication to multiply a 2 digit number by a single digit
- To understand factors and multiples
- To apply multiplication facts to a range of problems and puzzles

RE WEEK

This term we will have an RE week. During the week the children will be exploring why Jesus is an inspiration to some people.

Creative Curriculum

- I can name and locate some of the world's most famous volcanoes
- I can compare two different areas of Japan.
- I can describe the impact of volcanoes on people's lives
- I can debate reasons why people might live near volcanoes

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RESPECT

- To understand that we are all different and unique
- To explore stereotypes
- To understand different points of view

Science: States of Matter

- To identify solids, liquids and gases.
- To understand evaporation and condensation
- To understand and explain the water cycle
- To use a range of apparatus correctly in investigations.

IT

- Research skills
- To use research skills to find out facts about Famous volcanoes.