

English

The children in Explorers will be studying a variety of Fiction and Non-fiction texts. We will be writing a descriptive story linked to our theme, based on the book 'What's under the bed?' as well as creating fiction pieces linked to the 'Firework Maker's Daughter' text. The children will be exploring Extreme Earth themed poetry and trying to create their own with powerful imagery. Alongside this we will be creating fact files based on the natural phenomena we have been studying. The children will also be continuing to improve their spelling, grammar and reading abilities this term.

Stunning Start- Wow starter week- The children will create their own exploding volcanoes and become immersed in our new theme.

Half Term Home Learning Project- A creative project making a diorama based on the Extreme Earth event of their choice.

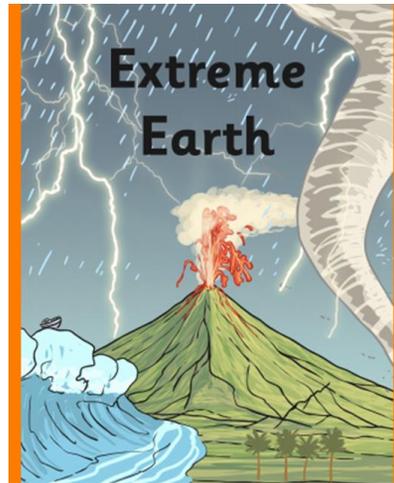
Fabulous Finish- Parents will be invited to an end of term celebration linked to our learning, more information to follow.

Geography

The children will be learning about our Extreme Earth and about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Through discussion and practical tasks, the children will learn about how and why these natural phenomena occur, and the ways in which they affect people and the environment.

Science

The children will be learning about States of Matter and how they can be identified and change. Following this the children will learn about Forces, Friction and Magnetic attraction. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate each topic in a fun practical way.



Maths

The Explorers class will be learning and consolidating their understanding of number and place value. The children will develop their methods and confidence of addition and subtraction and multiplication and division this term. We will also be learning the times table facts which will be linked to home learning tasks each week.

Religious Education

We will be learning about what Christians can learn from the creation story along with looking at what Hindus believe God is like.

Art/ Design and Technology

The children will be creating a collaborative large display art piece linked to each Extreme Earth event. In our individual pieces the children will explore volcano pictures in the style of British abstract artist Nick Rowland. Also we will create a sound art piece linked to earthquakes and Hokusai inspired pieces linked to a tsunami. Our DT day will involve the children becoming Architects for a day and designing a house which could survive an extreme Earth condition of their choice!

Physical Education

The children will be swimming in the 1st half term; developing their stroke techniques and confidence in the water as well as water safety skills.

In the 2nd half term the children will be learning invasion game skills through playing Quicksticks and Football.

Computing

The children will be creating group animation projects and developing their research and internet skills, becoming more aware of how to stay safe online.

Primary Modern Languages

Children will learn to listen and respond to rhymes, stories and songs; communicate using single words, phrases and short sentences and experiment with writing in French.

Music

The children will be learning to play the Viola focussing on stringed instruments and classical music.

Spirituality- The children will develop a greater understanding about the natural world and how it affects people and the environment.