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FAIRFIELD ST MICHAEL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Years 3 and 4 Summer 1 Newsletter

Let's Explore!

We are very excited to have the children back from the easter holidays and hope that you are all feeling well rested after the break!

This term we are focusing on geography in our explore focus. We will be reflecting on our big question: Is nature a force to be reckoned with. We had our launch day straight after the Easter break, where we had a special visit from a VR company to take part in a VR experience about volcanoes.



Guided Reading

This term we will be reading the texts, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' in Year 4 and 'Mr Penguin and the lost Treasure' in Year 3 as part of our guided reading. Children will be introduced to these texts and each week they will read the book and answer questions based on the text.

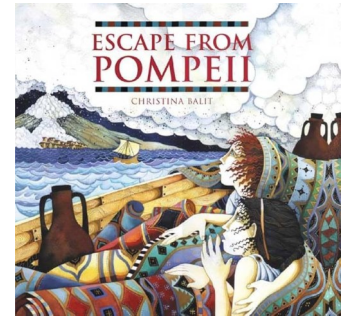
Spellings

It would be supportive if your child/ren could regularly look at the Year 3/4 National Curriculum words as the children have found these patterns tricky to recall. These can be found in their Reading Record.



English

This term in English we will be looking at volcano poetry, newspaper articles of volcanic eruptions, biography writing, escape from Pompeii, information text and explanation text.



Maths

Y3—This term will learn about mass and capacity, fractions, money, time and shape.

Y4—This term in year 4 we will learn more about fractions, decimals, money, time, shape and position/direction.

We encourage all children to keep working on their times tables using TT Rockstars at home as this will help them with their maths in school. We will continue to do timetables practice everyday after lunch too.



General Reminders:

Children are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

Their PE kit should consist of:

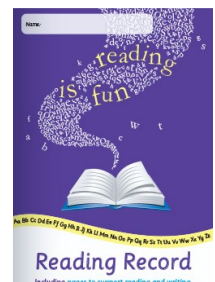
- plain white t-shirt/polo-shirt (a change of polo-shirt from their uniform);
- plain black shorts or plain black PE skirt;
- plain black jogging trousers;
- plain black sweatshirt;
- trainers or plimsolls.

Please ensure you name **every** piece of your child/ren's school uniform and PE kit – including socks and tights.



Please be reminded that children should not wear jewellery (other than stud earrings or a watch) or any makeup (including nail varnish) to school.

Please remind your child/ren to have their Reading Record and spelling book in school every day and remember it should be signed a minimum of three times per week.



Please only send your child/ren to school with water in their water bottle, **not** squash, juice or anything fizzy.

Thank you!

Explore

In our explore topic we will begin with a topic launch in the first week, introducing our big question **‘Is nature a force to be reckoned with?’**

We will be looking at different types of volcanos and different locations of volcanos. We will explore how volcanos are formed as well as looking at different rocks in science.

We will also be exploring forces and magnets, states of matter and pneumatics.

In our wider curriculum areas we will be continuing with French, Computing, HeartSmart and PE. The year 4s will be going swimming with Mr Fry on Fridays whilst the year 3s have PE in school.

Homework

Children are expected to practice their spellings every week and to read at least three times a week at home—please can this be recorded in their reading diaries.

In addition, on alternative weeks children will be set tasks on SPAG.com or TT Rockstars. Login details are stuck in reading diaries.



“The people were amazed and said, “What kind of person is this? Even the winds and the lake obey him!”