

## English

This term, we will be linking our English to our Geography topic. We will be writing:

Volcano poems

Explanation text to explore how volcanoes erupt

Non-chronological reports about volcanoes

Descriptions and narratives based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit.



# Maple



## Term 4

### Curriculum Newsletter

### Topic: Volcanoes and Earthquakes

## Maths

To start the term, we will complete our learning about lengths and perimeter. We will learn to convert between units of measure and add and subtract lengths which will support us in finding perimeters. We will then learn about fractions, spending time exploring and developing our understanding.

## Science

This term, we will be studying sound. We will learn about what sound is and understanding how sounds travels. We will learn about how the ear works and how we hear sounds.

We will then investigate pitch and volume and how this affects sounds.

## General Information

**Staff:** Mrs Ennis (Mon-Wed), Mr Gurr (Thurs and Fri) and Mrs Poland

**PE Kit:** Your child will need their PE kit every week. All items should be named.

Please bring in a **drinks bottle** and **coat**

## Theme

Our new topic is Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will recap our learning about the structure of Earth and use this to support our learning this term. We will be learning about what volcanoes and earthquakes are and what causes them. We will also learn about the effects of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. At the start of term, we will be visited by a STEM ambassador to support our learning.

## RE

"Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?" Children will learn to recognise the word 'salvation' and that Christians believe Jesus came to 'save' or 'rescue' people e.g. by showing them how to live. The children will offer informed suggestions about what the events of Holy Week mean to Christians and give examples of what Christians say about the importance of the events of Holy Week.

## Home Learning

Children should read daily at home. We recommend 10 minutes and ask it is logged in their Reading Records.

Each week, Spellings will be sent home to learn. These will be tested in **Fridays**.

Number Munchers will be tested on **Mondays** and **Fridays**.

## PSHE

Our PSHE learning will be continuing to celebrate difference. We will be learning that everybody's family is different and important to them. We will also understand that differences and conflicts sometimes happen among family members and know what it means to be a witness to bullying. Lastly the children will recognise that some words are used in hurtful ways.