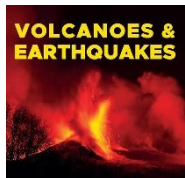




Year 4



Topic: This half term, our Geography focus is 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. Within this unit we will look at what causes volcanoes and earthquakes, the significance of common natural disaster locations, and why some people may choose to live close to these areas. Children will also conduct their own research as part of this unit.



PE: This half term, PE lessons will be on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Thursday PE sessions will be in the morning with our gymnastics coach and Friday sessions will be with Miss Hemming, our PE coach.



Homework: English or Maths homework, based on that week's learning, will be sent out on a **Friday** and is due back in no later than the following **Friday** morning. Children will receive:

- 3 Dojo points if homework is given in on a Monday
- 2 Dojo points if homework is given in on a Tuesday
- 1 Dojo point if homework is given in on any other day



Reading: Home/School diaries will be checked every Thursday. This gives us the opportunity to change your child's reading book regularly. It is vital that children read at home at least 3 times a week. Please leave a comment once the book is completed so that your child can then be given a new book.



Multiplication Tables Check: To prepare students for the MTC (online times table test) in Summer term, a 'Soundcheck' will now be a part of their weekly homework. It takes about 2 minutes to complete and is virtually an exact copy of the test so really helps children to become more familiar with the format.



Spellings: Children will have some time in school to practise their spellings but it is also essential your child practices their spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place every Thursday alongside the times table tests. Children have access to EdShed both at school and at home to help practise their spellings.

We hope you all had an amazing Christmas break and thank you all for such a lovely first term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Hewitt and Mrs Atherton