

Mathematics

We want all our pupils to be confident mathematicians—to love learning and have a go at solving mathematical problems. Learning times tables is crucial to this, please help at home by practising times tables with your child. We will start the term by learning our 11 and 12 times tables.

We will be concentrating on written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division so that we can become quick calculators and solve multi-step problems with skill and accuracy. Remember Times Tables Rock Stars will help you become quick at applying your times tables knowledge.

English

We love reading and are excited about finding out more about volcanoes and earthquakes by reading a selection of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our theme. We are looking forward to reading our class text: *The Secrets of Vesuvius* by Caroline Lawrence ... can you read the other books in the series at home?

We love writing and are continuing to develop our talents by using extended sentences and paragraphs to organise our writing. We will be trying our hand at using a range of conjunctions to make our writing interesting and varied. We will also be learning how to write letters, newspaper articles and even have a go at writing scenes from a play.

Geography

As geographers, we will learn about what makes our world so wonderful. Volcanoes and earthquakes will be the theme for this term.

We will uncover the hidden secrets of Pompeii and learn about famous volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Studying the earth's core, the movement of tectonic plates, will help us learn about life in an earthquake zone. Using maps, pictures and aerial photographs we will find out more about our amazing world.



Year 4 Spring 2024

**Watch Out,
Mother Nature's About!**

How do volcanoes and earthquakes affect life in Italy? We will reveal exciting facts about our amazing earth by studying volcanoes and earthquakes. Discovering where volcanoes and earthquakes occur in our wonderful world, will help us learn about other cultures and societies. We will focus on life in Italy and make our very own pizzas.

Science

We will learn about states of matter: solids, liquids and gases and discover how a volcano explodes. We will connect with our local environment as scientists who explore and investigate pond life and wild flowering orchards. Collecting evidence and measuring data will give us an insight into how scientists collate evidence to make conclusions. We will group animals into vertebrates and invertebrates and explore the environment we live in and love.

History

Our main focus is geography this term, but we will find time to recap our memories of Roman life in Gloucestershire and how this fits into British world history.

French

We will develop our French speaking skills by learning dates, days of the week and months of the year. We will also discover names for festivals!

PSHE

A huge priority for us is developing pupils' mental wellbeing. We encourage everyone to get the most out of life by connecting with other people, being physically active, learning new skills, giving to others and paying attention to the present moment through mindfulness. We are focusing on kindness and anti-bullying and will make our own kindness hands for our class rooms. We will also learn about internet safety and the influence of media on our lives.

P.E. Keeping active is crucial — our focus of fitness this term is learning how to play badminton and creating dances. We will also be active during Forest School and develop OAA and orienteering skills.

Music

Year 4 will study the work of the talented Anna Clyne and we will be singing songs in time in a group and learning about gospel and soul music. We will learn how to compose a melody and add lyrics and rhythm to our compositions ready to create our own performances.

R.E.

Ever wondered why the mosque is important? Or what is Ramadan, Ede, Rosh, Hashanah and Yonkippur ... we will be finding out about these and learning about the five pillars of Islam.

D.T. / Art

Getting creative with food ... we are on a mission to make healthy pizzas, just like the most famous Italian chef Gino Sorbillo. We will learn about preparing techniques such as: peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking! We will consider foods that go well together and design and make our own pizzas ... not of the chocolate variety!

In our art lessons we will discover nature in Art by studying Andy Goldsworthy.

