

English

This term we will be focussing our reading and writing through the class texts: Pebble in my Pocket, Stone Girl, Bone Girl and The Dancing Bear. We will discuss the content of our reading to improve our understanding of the texts and to highlight the grammatical features used. We will build understanding of the grammatical features and intended audience across a sequence of lessons, before writing pieces across a variety of genres including poetry, narrative and non-fiction.

Computing

We will be exploring how to use technology effectively, understand how algorithms work and creating our own algorithms.

RE

We will be developing our understanding of the religion of Islam through the enquiry questions: What do Muslims believe about God? What difference does being a Muslim make to everyday life?

Geography

This term we will ask what is happening when the earth shakes? We will also explore what volcanoes are and why they erupt. We will look at the distribution of volcanoes around the world, why people might live near them and the effects that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions can have.

Science

We will observe, group, and compare rocks, investigating hardness and permeability. We will also study how fossils are formed and investigate what soil is made of. Later in the term, we will study the importance of nutrition as well as the role of skeletons, muscles and joints.

Year 3 and 4 - Pandas

Homework will continue to be focussed on reading, spelling and times tables. It will be set every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Thursday. Spellings and times tables will be given out each week, with spellings being tested every Thursday and times tables assessments taken regularly to check progress. Please remember to read at home regularly, using reading records to record. Additional homework activities are offered across the curriculum, linking to our areas of study. Remember, if you are unsure how to do your homework, you can always ask.

PE

We will be developing our fitness and skills in team games and dance. Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please make sure you have your full PE kit.

Art and DT

We will be using a range of materials to create pieces linked to our topic themes of rocks, fossils, Romans and volcanoes.

Mathematics

Our focuses this term is will be on multiplication, division and fractions. We will be building fluency and using manipulatives alongside diagrams to deepen understanding. It is very important to keep practising multiplication tables as they are linked to so many areas of mathematics. Regular practise will also help to improve confidence and fluency in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication test in June.

PSHE

We will be learning basic first aid, including dealing with common injuries. We will also focus on tackling plastic pollution and explore the topics of economic well-being and belonging.

Music

This term we will be learning to play ukulele with increasing accuracy, fluency and control.

History

We will be asking: what happened when the Romans came to Britain? We will find out where the Roman empire came from, how the Roman army helped them to expand, why they invaded Britain and the lasting impact made.