

Geography—Volcanoes & Earthquakes

All this term your child will be studying natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes. This will include:

Geography: We will be practising our map skills by locating some of the world's best known volcanoes and naming countries where they can be found. We will also be learning about how natural disasters are caused and where in the world they happen.

Art and Design: We will be investigating mouldable materials to create our own erupting volcanoes.

How you can help:

Visit the British Museum to learn more about the Roman Empire and how Pompeii affected its power.

Research recent natural disasters and talk about the impact they had on different countries. A good website to start with is



www.bbc.co.uk/science/earth/natural_disasters

Computing

The children will continue to have weekly Computing lessons.

They will be learning how to use the computer to create art and music and how this can be published online.

How can I help at home?

Make it clear to your child that you value homework – set aside a specific time and area for your child to work on their homework.

Encourage your child to read a variety of texts like magazines, newspapers and recipes, not just books brought home from school.

Listen to your child read for 10 minutes everyday and ask them questions about the text to help their understanding. Discuss what happened; would you make the same choices as the characters? Why/why not? Encourage your child to back up their opinion with evidence from the text.

Encourage them to do everyday mathematics such as telling the time, using bus/train timetables or working out the total/change in a shop.

Help your child to be organised:

- ◇ Have you got your book bag?
- ◇ Are ALL your reading books inside it?
- ◇ Is your completed homework in there too?
- ◇ Are you wearing your full PE kit for Big PE? (Thursdays)
- ◇ Do you need anything for your After-School Club?

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Year 4 Parent Information Booklet



**What your child will
be learning about this
term and how you can
help at home**

Summer 2019

What we will be learning this term...

English

Our work in English will focus on improving our skills in **reading comprehension**, **grammar** and in **extended writing**, particularly in information texts and narrative pieces including issues and dilemma in imaginary settings.

How you can help:

Make available and encourage your child to read a variety of different genres such as newspapers, letters, diary entries, information and explanations books, stories and poetry. Discuss the different features of each, types of conjunctions (e.g. *but*, *while*, *since*) tenses used (e.g. past, present) and the kind of audience the writing is aimed at.

The texts that we will be reading this term will include: *The Wolves in the Walls* by Neil Gaiman and *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy.

Art

The children will continue to develop art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and collage. They will use a range of materials and will learn to evaluate their creative works.



Maths

Our work in mathematics will focus on the fluency, reasoning and problem solving in calculation. We will continue to work on developing our arithmetic skills and consolidate our knowledge of times tables and division facts. It is expected that children know all of their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of year 4.

How you can help:

It is important that your child can explain their methods and *why* they were successful, using mathematical language. Ask your child to explain how they worked through a problem in order to do this.

You can visit this website for fun maths games to help your child learn their times tables and consolidate their learning:

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy>

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

This term we will have a series of lessons on growing up. We will be learning about the physical changes in the body as the children get older and will be deepening our understanding of feelings and relationships.

Food Technology: The children will be making mini pizzas, a recipe from the Eat Happy Project.

PE

Big P.E. will take place on a Thursday afternoon and the children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

This term the children will be developing their skills and techniques in athletics and cricket.

Music

The children will be restarting their 'Wider Opportunities' guitar lessons.

Please, ensure children bring their guitar to school every **Monday** and get the opportunity to practise at home.

RE

We shall be learning why the liturgy is important to Christians, considering what are the important parts of Christian liturgy worship, what is the role of the liturgy for Christians in building their relationship with God, each other and themselves. Finally, as a class we shall be creating a liturgy for our school.

We shall be introducing the children to the basic beliefs and practices of the Sikh faith. Pupils are given the opportunity to develop their own understanding of what they believe about belonging and making commitments.

