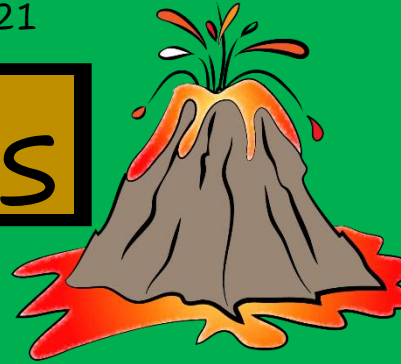




Dinosaurs



Literacy

Alongside our dinosaur topic, the busy badgers will be taking part in drama for writing sessions which will then feed into some narrative writing. The books we will be reading include, 'The Pebble in my Pocket', 'The Dinosaur's Diary', and 'Escape from Pompeii'.

During weekly grammar sessions we will look at using commas in lists, direct speech, and the correct use of determiners a/an.

Maths

Last term we finished by looking at how to use column subtraction and what happened if we needed to make an exchange. We will start this term by recapping the rules for using column subtraction before discussing the most effective way of doing different addition and subtraction calculations. We will use rounding and estimation to help check our answers.

Later in the term we will move on to explore multiplication. This is a particularly important topic for Year 4 who have their times tables tests near the end of the year. Year 3 will focus on the 3-, 4-, and 8-times tables, whilst year 4 will explore all times tables up to 12 X 12. Using this knowledge children will begin to multiply bigger 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using multiplication grids.

Science

To coincide with the dinosaur topic, in science we will be exploring the rock cycle and how different types of rocks are formed. We will also explore the properties and uses of different rocks.

Children will discover how evidence about different dinosaurs has been discovered and uncover how fossils are formed.

Humanities

In humanities lessons we will explore our 'Extreme Earth'. The children will learn about how volcanoes are formed and why earthquakes and tsunamis happen. We will discover where on earth these extreme events are most likely to take place and the geographical reasons behind this.

PE

PE will be taught across two, one-hour sessions each week. These sessions will be planned by our Pacesetters sports coach Miss Emma. This term the children will be learning the skills needed for Hockey.

Music

In Music we will explore music that has been inspired by ancient worlds. We will listen to how the different pieces of music are structured and have a go at creating our own musical performances.

Computing

We are communicators!

The internet can be a wonderful place to help us stay in contact with family and friends, but we must also be careful about how we use it and what we choose to share. Children will explore how they can communicate safely online.

Art/Design

In art, children will be using their knowledge of dinosaurs that they have built on in our Literacy and Humanities lessons to help them design and build a Dinosaur habitat (Please keep hold of any large cardboard boxes that you have at home for this).

Once the dinosaur habitats are complete, children will work together to create a working model volcano.

German

German lessons will be taught by Frau Schelts, and where possible will be linked to our topic work.

RE

This term we will be following the Diocese of Peterborough syllabus for RE and asking the question, 'How and why do people show their commitments during the journey of life?'. Children will identify beliefs about love, commitment and promises in different religions and describe what they mean. They will offer informed suggestions about the meaning and importance of ceremonies of commitment for religious and non-religious people today. To help children understand the impact of ceremonies we will describe what happens at different ceremonies, make links between beliefs and identify differences between the ways that people celebrate.