

# Spring

## English Reading

Our reading focus text for the first half term will be a non-fiction text called 'Volcanoes'. The children will focus initially on retrieval skills before moving on to sequencing and inference skills.

Our second text is Ariki and the Island of wonders!



This Term's Books!



## English Writing

During the first term in Spring we will be focusing on explanation texts. The children will learn the features of an explanation text, and will learn how to write their own.

In Spring 2, we will have a go at writing an adventure story. In our story, we will try to use different sentence types and personification of weather to further improve descriptions.

## Maths

We will be continuing to work hard on our times tables throughout the term, increasing speed and accuracy with our recall of all multiplication facts up to 12x12.

During our maths lessons, we will begin learning about graphs, looking at pictograms, bar and line graphs. We will then move on to fractions; finding equivalent fractions, simplifying improper and mixed number fractions and adding and subtracting. Our next unit will be time! The children will be learning to read the 24 hour clock and convert time from minutes to seconds and hours to minutes.



## Science

This term we will be learning about states of matter. We will be looking at materials which are solid, liquid and gas and comparing them. We will also look at the changes in state when a material is heated and cooled, including evaporation and condensation during the water cycle.

In Spring 2, we will focus on living things and their habitats. Learning about how living things can be groups and using classification keys to group living things.



## RE

To begin the spring term the children will be building on their knowledge of Islam from previous years. We will be looking at 'Why Muslims fast during Ramadan' and linking this to our theme of sacrifice. The children will look how this is similar and what the differences are to the other religions we have studied previously and also how this links to their everyday life.

During the second half term, we will be looking at Christianity and exploring what is meant by 'Love Thy Neighbour'.





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## Physical Education

This half term, the children will all complete a fitness unit. We will look at why fitness is important and how we can incorporate different elements of fitness into every day life. The children will work on their agility and speed when completing different sporting activities. The children will also complete a golf unit, learning the basic rules of golf and working on precision to hopefully score a hole in one!

During Spring 2, we will practise skills within hockey and tennis.

## History

In History, our unit is The Tudors/Monarchy. The significant person who we will spend time learning about is Henry VIII.

These are the key questions we will be focussing on throughout the unit:

- Who were the Tudor Monarchs?
- Why did Henry V111 form The Church of England?
- What were the reasons behind Henry V111 having 6 wives?
- What were the significant changes during the Tudor Rule?



This Term's significant person....

## Geography

During Spring 2, we will be learning about our unit 'Why are rainforests important to us?'

Throughout this unit, we will focus on biomes, the layers of tropical rainforests, how people use the rainforests, how the rainforests are changing and how humans are having a negative impact on rainforests. We will focus primarily on the Amazon rainforest throughout the unit.



## Modern Foreign Languages

Bonjour!

The children will begin the Bon Anniversaire unit. They will recognise, say and write the months of the year and will be able to say when they were born. We will also extend our knowledge of numbers from 20 - 31.

The children will work on their speaking and writing skills throughout this term and be able to add to our already vast conversations in French!

## RSE

Throughout Spring 1, we will learn about Safety and the Changing Body. This will include learning about internet age restrictions, sharing information online, privacy and security, tobacco and introducing puberty.

In Spring 2, we will move on to learning about Economic Wellbeing, where children will learn about value for money and how to look after money safely and responsibly.





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## Music

The children will be continuing learning their brass instrument lessons with Paul. They are beginning to become more fluent in note reading and this term, will begin to look at composing their own simple piece of music, using notes learnt last term.

I hope you have all enjoyed having the instruments at home for the children to practice with!

## Art and Design

During Spring 2, we will learn about painting and mixed media with a focus on portraits.

Children will experiment with different materials to create mixed-media portraits.



## Design Technology

We will be learning about monitoring devices in our digital world unit. We will have a go at researching, designing and creating a programme which could be used to monitor an animal's habitat.

## Computing

During spring term, we will be completing everyone's favourite unit - Programming! We will be using Scratch, in which the children will be introduced to variables and understand how and why they are used.

In Spring 2, we will focus on our data handling unit: Investigating weather.

