



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 01/02/2019



This Week

In **English** this week, we have started a new genre of historical fiction. We are using the story 'Francis, the Earthquake Dog' as our source text. It is a warm tale based on the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Our vocabulary is ever-expanding as well as our empathy with the main characters. In **Maths**, we have focussed on geometry; coordinates to be specific. We have located points, plotted points, and translated coordinates too. In **Geography**, we explored how volcanoes happen and used geographical language to explain it. In **RE**, we explored some parables that Jesus taught about the Kingdom of Heaven, culminating in writing a poem about God's Kingdom. In **Science**, we applied our knowledge of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores to explore food chains. In **DT**, we made vast strides to completing our models, we are now ready for the painting stage. In **Computing**, we continued with our unit, looking at spreadsheets. In **Music**, we continued with the bullying rap.

Next Week...

English: Francis, the Earthquake Dog

Maths: Fractions

Science: Food chains (part 2)

RE: Art based on Jesus' parables

Geography: Model making about earthquakes and volcanoes

Swimming

Next Friday, 8th February, will be the final swimming session for the Year 5 children. The Year 4 children will begin their swimming sessions after half term. If your child needs to wear goggles, please complete the letter. The staff at Fulwood Leisure are firm - no letter = no goggles.

Important Dates

Tues 5th Feb: Mad Science club

Wed 6th Feb: Open Door from 3:15-4:00pm

Fri 8th Feb: Swimming for Y5 children

Fri 8th Feb: Borwick Hall Form 3B Deadline

Mon 11th Feb: PowerPoint homework due in

Wed 13th - Fri 15th Feb: Borwick Hall residential

Fri 1st Mar: World Prayer Day at St. Christopher's Church from 4pm to 5:30pm. All welcome

Thur 7th Mar: Parents' Evening from 3:30-5pm and 6-7pm

Thur 14th Mar 2019: Sing Together Concert

Tues 5th February: Safer Internet Day (SID) Next week we will be taking every opportunity to learn even more about staying safe online. Please use this as an opportunity to access the many links and resources on the school website to help keep your child safe when using technology.

Stars of the Week

The **CHRISTIAN VALUE** award for **FORGIVENESS** goes to **Jaiden** for always seeking forgiveness if his friends fall out.

The **CURRICULUM** award and **Star Writer** is **Keinan** for his independent newspaper writing; an earthquake in Japan.

Behaviour

Those children who have modelled Outstanding behaviour at least 3 times are:

Ethan, Nathan, Jensen, George K, Faith, Libby, Dylan, Cayden, Jaiden, Keinan, Daniel, Connor, Noemi

Planet Earth Homework Project for Spring 1

In Class 4 our theme is 'Planet Earth' and in Geography we are studying earthquakes and volcanoes. **Your homework project is to create a PowerPoint Presentation, exploring one natural phenomenon in depth.** You can use websites, library books and other sources to help you! It should ALL be your own work! (Do not copy and paste!) Each week there is a new task for you to complete to help manage your workload.

The project should be handed in on **Monday 11th February**.

You can choose to research one of the following **earthquakes** or **volcanoes**:

Earthquakes: San Francisco (1906), Turkmenistan (1948), Chile (1960), Japan (1995), Indonesia (2004)

Volcanoes: Mount Vesuvius (^{AD}79), Mount Unzen (^{AD}1792), Krakatoa (^{AD}1883), Mount St. Helens (^{AD}1980), Eyjafjallajokull (^{AD}2010)

Week Five (w/b 4th February)

Add the finishing touches to your PowerPoint.

Watch it through to make sure it plays how you want.

Save your presentation onto a USB stick to bring into school to show everybody (make sure it is labelled with your name!)

Extra Mile

Use some of the following features:

- Slide transitions
- Image, text, object animations
- Embed a short video (no more than 2 minutes)

Any questions about homework, you can contact me on

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Have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday.
Mr Bateman