Year 3

Autumn Term 2

Why do people live near volcanoes?

English

This half term, we will be studying 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl, exploring ideas of friendship, fear and dreams. We will develop skills in writing setting and character descriptions, using these to help write a narrative. We will continue working on our simple, compound and complex sentence structures.

In handwriting, we will continue to focus on our letter joins (stringing). In spelling, we will be investigating the patterns and rules associated with the prefixes re-, dis- and mis- as well as the suffixes -ing, -er, -en and -ed.

In guided reading, we will read 'Littlenose the Hero'. We will also read 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. We are focusing on building our fluency, decoding and inference skills.

Design & Technology

We will be learning about cooking, nutrition and eating seasonally. Children will learn that seasonal fruit and vegetables grow in a given season and in different places due to climate. They will learn that eating seasonally is positive for the environment and they will have the opportunity to try different seasonal ingredients before designing their own seasonal tart.

PSHE

Our first topic will look at feelings and emotions. Specifically, we will develop strategies for managing emotions such as grief.

Next, we will focus on Fire Safety and learning the difference between a deliberate fire and an accidental fire. We will learn to reduce the risk of accidental fire risk.

RE

Our concept is 'Light as a symbol': we will explore how many different religions use light as a symbol. We will use this opportunity to compare the similarities and differences between the Hindu festival of Diwali and the Christian celebration of Advent.

Geography

In Geography, we will look at why people live near volcanoes. We will learn about how volcanoes are created and the effects of volcanic eruptions. We will also learn about earthquakes and where they occur.

Maths

Our first unit is about developing our understanding of multiplication and division. We will initially be recapping the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables before moving onto learning our 3- and 4-times tables.

Next, we will be recapping fractions learnt in KS1 (a half, a quarter and a third). We will learn the meaning of a denominator and a numerator. Next, we will introduce fifths and tenths. We will then compare and order fractions before moving onto adding and subtracting fractions that have the same denominator. Additionally, we will explore properties of 2D and 3D shapes. This will include looking at types of angles including: acute, obtuse and right angles.

Science

Our first science topic this half term is 'Animals and Skeletons'. We will learn how skeletons protect vital organs and learn the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate. We will then move on to explore how skeletons support the weight and movement of different animals, including humans.

Music

In music we will be exploring music that has originated from China. We will learn a traditional Chinese lantern song and then explore how we can use percussion instruments to support this. We will learn the names and orders of notes we need to play.

PE

The children will receive two PE lessons a week. PE will focus on yoga and will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays.