

Reading

This half term, we will be applying taught reading skills to answer comprehension questions in daily reading lessons. The children will continue to develop their retrieval, inference, vocabulary, prediction and explanation skills. They will also develop their ability to justify their opinion using evidence.

Writing

In their writing lessons, the children will explore the non-fiction text *Earth Shattering Events*. They will understand the language and text features that make up an explanation text and will write their own explanation text about Volcanoes.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will deepen their knowledge of fractions, they will find equivalent fractions and add and subtract fractions. The children will learn to recognise tenths and hundredths as a decimal. They will divide one and two digit numbers by ten.

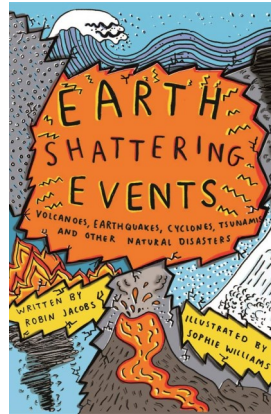
Meet the Team!

Year Group Leader: Lizzie Maryon-Davies

Teaching Staff: Lizzie, Alice, Sarah, Craige

Support Staff: Alicia, Valerie, Elijah

Earth Shattering Events



Supporting Your Child's Learning

Children should be reading a book from either school or home every evening. Please ensure your child logs into their Mathletics, TTRS and spag.com accounts. Activities are set every week.

It is important that the children learn their spelling words for our weekly tests (Tuesdays), as this will really help with their reading and writing. Please continue to practise times tables with your child in order to prepare them for their statutory multiplication test.

Year Four

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Science

We will be investigating Sound. We will identify how sounds are made, recognise that sound is made through vibrations and how distance affects volume, find patterns between the pitch produced by a range of objects.

Geography

In Geography we will be focusing on what causes natural disasters. We will learn about the layers of Planet Earth, tectonic plates and how their movement causes natural disasters. We look at how mountains are formed and we will use different case studies to understand the positive and negative impact of earthquakes and volcanoes on communities.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term our focus is 'Healthy Me'. We will be exploring friendship groups and peer pressure. We will be discussing the facts about smoking and alcohol and learning about how to be confident in ourselves to make the right decisions with our friends.

PE

Year 4 will now have dance lessons on a **Wednesday** and PE lessons on a **Friday**. Children will need to come to school in their PE uniforms on these days. We will be doing Netball and Invasion games outside so please ensure that the children are appropriately dressed.

Dance

During this term in dance, we will be using imagery and sporting actions to create dance choreography. This is called 'Sport Choreography'.

Music

This half term, Year 4 children are studying music technology. We will be making changes to dynamics to create texture and using loops to create layers. We will then be using these skills to compose a piece of music.

French

Les glaces In French this half term, the focus will be on learning the different flavours of ice cream. The children will learn how to ask a shop-keeper for an ice cream in French.



Art

This term the children will be immersing themselves in the role of sculptor. We will be experimenting with a variety of different modelling materials and creating prototype sculptures. This year we will be entering the children's sculptures into the fourth plinth schools sculpture competition which you can learn more about here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/fourth-plinth-traffic-square/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2024>

DT

In DT lessons this half term we will be learning about structures and how to build a strong structure using geometric shapes.

RE

In RE lessons this half term we are learning about Christian celebrations. We will be discussing celebrations that are important to us, exploring the Christian calendar and Easter story. We will also learn about the significance of Lent.

Computing

This term in computing we will learn how to use data loggers to collect data over a short and long period, we will then identify data needed to answer specific questions.