



Hope class Newsletter - Spring Term 2 2019



Our topic this term is 'Under Our Feet' and we will be investigating volcanoes and exploring fossils.. The majority of learning will be linked to this theme.

Our **English** work this term will be based around our topic and will include historical writing (based on Pompeii and Mary Anning), explanations for how volcanoes are formed and erupt and instructions for fossil finding.

Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and new ones will be chosen on a Friday. As last term, the children will be choosing their own spellings from their English work that week. Spelling books will continue to come home for you to see your child's spelling tests. Please ensure that they are back in school by the following Wednesday.

In **Maths** this term we will be developing our skills in:

Estimation and the inverse

Fractions

Place value

Time

Shapes – angles

Bar charts, pictograms and tables

Times tables challenge will take place weekly on Mondays.

In **geography**, we will be finding out about the layers of the earth and how volcanoes are formed. We will use what we find out to create a working volcano in **DT**.

In **history**, we will be learning about the historical events of Pompeii and Mary Anning's fossil discovery. We will do this through looking at a range of sources of evidence.

In **science**, we will continue learning about rocks and soils. We will be thinking about how landscapes change and the environmental impact of volcano eruptions.

In **art**, we will explore the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and use her work to inspire our own water colour and pastel landscape art.

In **computing**, we will be planning and creating volcano animations using a coding programme called 'Scratch'.

In **music** we will be creating a piece of music to represent a volcanic eruption using music and art to inspire our ideas. We will then work together to create a dance to accompany it.

In **RE**, we will be thinking about miracles that Jesus performed and thinking about how Jesus could have healed people. We will also be thinking about Easter and its significance to Christians.

In **PE** we will have 2 PE sessions per week, which will be focusing on balance and coordination skills.

In **PSHE**, we will be looking at how our families are similar and different. We will think about how we look after ourselves and how we stand up to peer pressure.

In **French** we will be recapping our greetings and learning about the weather.

Reading



Please encourage your child to read a range of texts at home (e.g. books, newspapers, instructions). Please focus this term on discussing new vocabulary and its meaning. At Sutton Benger we ask that your child reads/share a book with an adult 3 times per week. Your child will be heard in class both individually and in guided reading sessions and we will have an author of the week on display for children to investigate and read.

PE Kit



Please ensure your child has a plain white t-shirt, black/navy shorts and daps or trainers in school in order to participate in PE. We often do PE outside so can you also put in some jogging bottoms / leggings just in case. This should all be clearly named. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let us know via a written note. **Your child needs their PE kit to be in school every day in case of timetable changes.**

Home Learning



Thank you for all of the lovely home learning taking place at home – the children really enjoy sharing what they have done with you and seeing what their friends have created. We look forward to seeing more this term!

Class assembly



Hope Class assembly will be on Thursday 14th March at 9.10am where we will be sharing our learning so far this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Here's to a fun term!

Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Bucksey