



Volcanoes



The Orchard Centre — Spring Term 1, 2020

What's it all about? We are going to be using Volcanoes as a base for all of our learning this half term. Some of the children have learnt about volcanoes before but this will just make them experts!

Writers: We will be writing a range of texts around Volcanoes, including; looking at and writing poetry, descriptions of what we might be able to see, hear and smell when visiting a volcano and writing our own stories involving a volcano. We are also going to be focusing on adverbs and how to include these in our writing. We are going to be using the following books in class; Gopher to the rescue, A trip to the top of the volcano with mouse and Escape from Pompeii.

Phonics and spelling: We will be continuing to work in our groups. We will also be practising to spell our common exception words, that are too tricky to sound out.

Readers: We try to read with all children daily and ask a parent or carer to sign their reading record book at least once a week. Some of our children are building their comprehension skills in small groups. We have also been practicing our story retelling, sometimes this is done through drama too.

Geographers: We will be looking at where different volcanoes are in the world and completing some research on these countries. This half term we will also be receiving some postcards from Paddington Bear and we will be finding out where he has been on his adventures.

Mathematicians: The Maths topics this half-term are addition and subtraction, place value within 50 and measurement involving length and height.

OT: In the mornings, we will be continuing with our daily 'dough disco' which the children really enjoy.

Artists: We will be creating our very own Volcanoes out of junk modelling and paper mache.

Scientists: Our Science topic will be based around volcanoes and we have some wonderful science experiments to do.

RE: We will be looking at Buddhism this half term.

PE: The children are going to be learning some netball skills, that involve working as a team as well as against another team.

As well as all of the above, we continue to fit other activities into our daily timetable. These activities include, handwriting, memory games, life skills, social skills and PSHE.

Hermitage Values: Cooperation is the value of the half term.

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