



Active Planet



Year 4 -Autumn 2 2021

What's it all about?

This topic explores aspects of our natural world such as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.



Historians: Learn about the history and culture of Pompeii.

Geographers: Evaluate areas of volcanic and seismic activity. Describe the main features of a volcano.

Readers: We'll be focusing on reading the following texts: *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Ballit and *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman.

Writers: As writers, this half term, we will be focusing on using persuasive language to write a persuasive argument and persuasive letter, we will also explore writing an instruction text and will use a variety of descriptive language to write a character description and an alternative ending to an adventure story.

Mathematicians: We will be working on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and keeping up with our times tables as well as perimeter.

Musicians: We will participate in rehearsing and performing for our Christmas production.

Designers: We will be designing and making felt phone cases using our sewing skills.

Scientists: We will be exploring how sounds are made and investigating insulators.

Spellers: We will be exploring homophones (e.g. no, know), adding -ation to verbs to form nouns (e.g. explanation, observation), words with the 'c' sound spelt 'ch' (e.g. chemist, stomach), words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'ch' (e.g. chef, machine), the short 'i' sound spelt 'y' (e.g. gym, pyramid), adding the suffix -ion (e.g. action, invention).

Family Learning Ideas: Visit the British Museum to learn about Roman family life, create your own volcanic eruption with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda (outside). Use paints or crayons to create a volcano picture.

Hermitage Values: Our next value will be 'co-operation'.

Trips/ Visits: Year 4 production to the school and to parents.

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