

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will find an overview of our curriculum on the school website, however, we would like to share some details of our new topic: **Tremor!** with you now. We will be exploring the exciting world of volcanoes and earthquakes, where we will build on our knowledge of human and physical geography. We will examine the story of Pompeii and learn about the structure of volcanoes as well as reflecting on the impact of natural disasters. Likewise the children will look at recent global events, building empathy and understanding. **Freshwater Theatre** will pay us a visit, providing interactive drama activities such as role play and tableaux to explore the topic of Volcanoes and Earthquakes. (We will need to ask for a small contribution towards the cost of this.)



Our topics for the year will be:

Tremor: A geography/ design technology and English topic all about volcanoes and earthquakes.

What the Dickens! A history, English and craft topic about a child's Christmas in Victorian Swindon.

Into the Unknown: we will learn more about significant places on Earth (and beyond), adventurers who have sought them out and consider what it takes to brave the unknown.

The Show Must Go On: whilst Year 4 put together their fabulous production we all will explore playwrights and plays, taking a science slant too by looking at light and sound.

Tribal Tales: through story, historical artefacts and hopefully a trip we will sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned, meeting legendary characters such as Beowulf!

Creative Choice: this will be a child led project with a focus on local art and artists.

Our termly Values focus:

Term 1 Respect	Term 2 Friendship	Term 3 Tolerance	Term 4 Courage	Term 5 Responsibility	Term 6 Honesty
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Events:-

Monday 3rd September: TD day

Friday 21st September: First of 6 Primary Steps Dance sessions for Year 3

October tbc: Freshwater Theatre workshops

Thursday 11th October: 4TM class assembly

Monday 15th October: Harvest Festival

Thursday 18th October: 3CSGB class assembly

Wednesday 24th October: TD day

Ways to help your child at home:

- Please continue to support your child in learning their weekly spellings as well as the tricky 100.
- Continue to read every day where possible - we find it makes a huge difference to development.
- Look at a globe or world map and identify the different continents.
- Consider how people in other parts of the world have needed disaster relief.
- Do encourage your child to take part in our termly project challenge. We enjoy the variety of projects that are undertaken enormously and the extra dimension that they bring to the learning of those children who take part, has been wonderful.



It would be wonderful to have a visit into school from a parent, who is a geologist or has an expertise in any of the natural phenomena mentioned above, to come and talk to the children or share experiences.

Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

We hope that both you and the children enjoy the new topic and that you can share with them some of their learning experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Short, Mr. Ballard, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Rajska, Mr. Tanner, Mrs. Moran

Year 3 and 4 Teachers