LKS2 Newsletter Spring Term 2 2020

The LKS2 Team This Year Are...

Class Teachers:
Mrs Madden
Mrs Barnes
Mr Berry
Miss Horner

Class Assistants:
Mrs Bingham
Mrs Barnard
Mrs Real-Lage
Mrs Benham
Mr Cook

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Monday 24th February	Term 4 Starts for Children
Monday 2nd March	Book Week in School
9th March	Parent's Evenings
11th March	
Wednesday 18th March	Swindells Show Assembly
Thursday 2nd March	Easter Service at St. Michael's Church
Friday 3rd March	Term 4 Ends

Where has the time gone?! We are now halfway through the school year! We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Mansfield for all of her hard work and dedication to the school. We wish her all the best for her maternity leave and look forward to hearing news about the baby when it arrives.

The children have once again been very busy this term and we have been inundated with more home learning, particularly PowerPoints, which have displayed great levels of computing skills. The children have partaken in lots of Science experiments and written fabulous descriptions of their invented characters in English.

Well done to Dahl class for your fantastic show assembly! Lots of the assembly was written by the children and those watching were very engrossed. We are sure your grown-ups were very proud of you!

Well done to all of the children who have earnt dojos this term. We have seen our first flurry of Silver certificates, with most children having achieved their Bronze! Congratulations to our *Stars of the Week* and our Half Termly Achievers - Veer, Ben L, and Stanley!

Our topic next term is

Tremors



"Tremors. Overwhelming and mighty, Mother Nature's awesome energies hiss and roar deep within the Earth. Plates collide, spewing lava. Rocks rain down and mud slides in torrents. Towns and cities vanish under ashen clouds.

Discover the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters, and glimpse their savage and deadly effects. Visit the ancient city of historic Pompeii, frozen in time, then create your own blistering explosions from model volcanoes that fire foamy lava. Discover the properties of rocks shaped by the Earth's breath-taking power.

Watch out! Volcanologists detect formidable rumblings from an extinct volcano in Scotland's capital. Red alert! What would you do?"

Notices

Please check the website for updates!

Reading

Please continue to sign your child's reading record when they have read at home each day. We expect **all** children to read at least 5 times a week. It is useful when reading records come in daily to allow teachers to communicate with you. If your child finishes their book and still wants to read more, they can add reading of a book from home into their reading record too! Please see the

Homework

Years 3 and 4 will continue to receive English and Maths homework alternate weeks. Homework will be linked to work covered in class. Mathletics will be used for Mathematics homework. If your child needs login details, please speak to their teacher. Homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be returned by the following Wednesday please. We look at homework together in class so please ensure it comes in on time. Thank you.

Spelling

Weekly spelling tests will take place on a Wednesday. These will be written in the back of the homework books so that you can see your child's results each week. Therefore, please ensure homework books are in on time. Make sure you use the **Spelling Frame** website to practice!

PE

Please ensure PE kits are in school on a Monday and go home on a Friday. Please also make sure all items are clearly named. Plastic bags for muddy footwear are useful!

Pencil Cases

Please ensure your child has **one small** pencil case (if they wish) with a pencil, ruler, sharpener, eraser and a few colouring pencils. **(No pens, scissors or glue please).** We do provide all equipment but understand that pupils may wish to use their own.

Times Tables

Please encourage your children to look at their 99 club from the previous week. We are trying to increase their speed when working these out. Remember to login to TTRockStars to practice your times tables!!

Here is an overview of what our classes will cover in the different areas of the curriculum this term.



Mathematics:
Maths will continue to be taught in year groups. 99 Club will take place on a Friday.

Year 3 This term the children will investigate statistics and solve two step problems presenting their findings using a variety of charts, tables and pictograms. The latter part of the term the children will develop their understanding of measurement, in particular length and perimeter. The final week of the term the children will be beginning work on fractions which will continue into the summer term.

Year 4 will be using this term to look at fractions. We will be trying to understand fractions and then look at adding and subtracting them. This will then lead into understanding and using decimals, within place value. We will also be working hard to develop our problem solving and reasoning. will also be working hard to develop our problem solving and reasoning.

Science:



This term , we will be investigating different types of rocks, how they are made and how this impacts of their strength. We will continue to work scientifically to collect data and display results.

RE:



In RE this term, we will be exploring 'Does Easter make sense without Passover?'. Children will continue to participate in their daily worship.

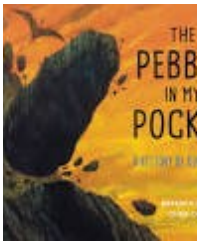
Music:
This term the children will look at composing music using a variety of instruments based around our topic ***Tremors.*** They will then learn songs for our Easter Service. This will be taught be Mrs. Madden.

Spanish:



This term the children will be exploring Spanish through the Languagenut website. They will continue to work on their reading, speaking, listening and writing skills through interactive games. This term we will focus on Hobbies and Pets. This will be taught be Miss. Horner.

English: To tie in with our topic ***Tremors,*** our focus text this term is an information book called *Pebble in my Pocket.* It is written by Meredith Hooper, an award winning science writer. The text takes the reader through the 480 million years of a pebble's journey, from the spectacular furnace of volcanic eruptions to the cool seashore and the grassy field.



Some of the writing genres covered through the text will be poetry, fact files and instructions. The children will continue to develop their reading comprehension, spelling, grammar and punctuation knowledge each week.

Art and DT:



In Art and DT this term the children will be exploring photography and sculpture. The children will use Pompeii as an inspiration for many of their pieces.

PE:
This term the children will be take part in football. They will also be doing OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities), in which they will learn a variety of skills including team building and thinking skills.

History/Geography:

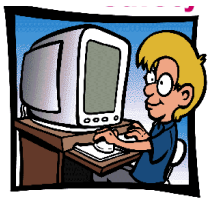


In Geography the children will be investigating volcanoes and earthquakes and in History the children will be exploring Ancient Rome, in particular Pompeii.

PSHE:

In PSHE this term we will looking at Emotional Health and Well-being and Healthy Eating.

Computing:



Computing will look at all different areas of the curriculum to help with our understanding of the topic of Tremors. We will be creating a project, using our knowledge of Geography, PSHE and computing to look at weather, research natural disasters as well as other links to the topic and find ways to present our findings. This will be taught be Mr. Berry.