



Year 4 News

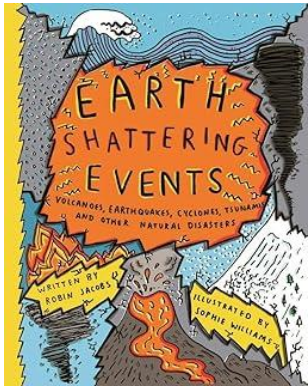
Autumn 2

November 2024



We hope you all had fantastic Autumn half term and are ready for our next busy, new term filled with more leaning challenges and fun. A reminder that In Harmony sessions are on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursdays (PPA), both classes will be covered by James Hogan who will deliver PE.

Conservation and Sustainability



Our focus book this half term is Earth Shattering Events by Robin Jacobs. This is a fantastic non-fiction text which will introduce the children to the science behind natural disasters.

In English we will be using our class text to write to inform. We will be writing a non-chronological report and a news report on a chosen meteorological event. During our whole class reading sessions we will use a range of texts to support our development of the VIPERS reading skills.

In Maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division. This will include using last term's place value knowledge and facts to calculate mentally. The children will also learn a formal written multiplication method to support their calculations and problem solving. We will continue to develop number fact fluency with recalling the 6,7,9,11 and 12 times tables in preparation for our multiplication check in June 2025.

Our Science lessons will focus on Living things and their habitats. The children will group living things in a variety of ways. They will identify and name living things in the local and wider environment and learn that environments can change and this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will explore examples of human impact on environments.

In RE we will be learning to answer the enquiry question: 'What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?' We will revisit the Christmas story and focus on the symbolism of the different parts and how they might be meaningful to different people, including the Christingle.

In Geography we will be locating countries in Europe and their capital cities and learning about their key physical and human features. This will include Scandinavian countries and Germany to link to our previous term's work on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

In Art we are going to be finding out about the artists Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo and using their work to inspire our own designs. We will explore collage and printing using a variety of techniques.

In Music we will continue to work with the Music Hub to learn to play trumpets and trombones. During our sessions the children will learn about the role and purpose of a conductor. They will develop further knowledge of musical notation and symbols.

In Computing sessions, we are going to be creating media. The pupils will learn about input and output devices needed to work with sound digitally. They will use 'Audacity' to record a podcast and then edit and evaluate their work. They will learn about ownership of the audio recording and begin to understand the meaning of copyright.

REMINDERS

PE will be on Thursday afternoon.

Please remember to come to school in your PE kit including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside.

(Plain T-shirt, plain Joggers and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

Please continue to read at home as this is so important and helps children develop skills and a love of books. Please bring reading books and diaries to school **every day.**

Look at **MyMaths** and Times Tables Rockstars for challenges which link to our work in class and revise things done before.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

Remembrance Day 11th Nov

Children In Need 15th Nov

Anti-bullying Week 18th – 22nd Nov

Open Classroom for parents 28th Nov

Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper's Day 11th Dec

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas parties and KS2 Carol Concert for parents, as St Mary's Church – 5.00 – 6.30pm - 17th Dec

What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read. Encourage them to use the VIPERS reading dogs when discussing the books they have read. Log their reading in their reading diary.
- 2) Encourage them to use My Maths (and look at place value).
- 3) Help your child continue to learn their times tables. Using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)
- 4) Log into Spelling Shed and practice the weekly spellings.
 - ❖ Don't forget the Oxford Owl website has some great online reading activities and books to share.
 - ❖ Spelling lists are on Spelling Shed. Please help your child practice these as it really helps them become more confident with their reading and writing.

Reading Dogs



Vocabulary Vince

Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.

What does the word mean in this sentence?

- Find and copy a word which means
- What does this word or phrase tell you about
- Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?
- Which of the words best describes the character/setting/mood etc?
- Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?
- Why do you think is repeated in this section?
- What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood?
- Which word tells you that....?
- Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?
- Find one word in the text which means.....
- Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to.....
- Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.....

Thank you

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Contacting the year 4 team

We are at the classroom door at drop off and pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat.

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