



St Mark's CE Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1

Mountains and volcanoes: what, where and why?

This half term, Year 4 will be exploring mountains and volcanoes.

This topic will help develop the pupil's knowledge of the structure and features of mountains and volcanoes, where they are in the world and why they are important. Additionally, they will be exploring the natural resources and physical processes caused by mountains and volcanoes.

English

This half-term, our text focus will be 'The Journey Home.' We will focus on understanding how to write an explanation text and persuasive letters by identifying the features and vocabulary. The children will write their own explanation texts and persuasive letters throughout the half term.



Reading

Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. We recognise at times that this is not an easy task, but we thank you for your commitment to this.

All children who read 5 times a week are put into our weekly raffle to win a brand-new book.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as reading individually with the class teacher or support staff.



Maths

In maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division. We will use our knowledge of times tables and apply this to fractions.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



Science

Our topic for science this half term will be exploring states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We will be examining the changes that take place inside some materials as they change state.

We will also be using our scientific skills of predicting, observing and evaluating to explore what can affect the speed at which changes take place.

P.E.

For PE this term, Year 4 will be swimming every Wednesday morning. Please make sure your child has:

- Swimming cap and towel (all children)
- Swimming costume (girls)
- Swimming trunks not baggy Bermuda shorts (boys)

There are more details on ClassDojo about what your child will need for swimming.