

Tremors!

Well, I have to say that has to be the most unusual half term I have ever experienced in my 28 years of teaching!

This term our topic is Tremors. We will discover the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters, and glimpse their savage and deadly effects. We will explore the ancient city of historic Pompeii, frozen in time, then create your own blistering explosion from model volcanoes that fire foamy lava. We will explore earthquakes and hurricanes and become reporters and storm chasers! Buckle up it could get bumpy!!!

ART/DT

We will be planning and designing our own volcanoes. Can we get them to erupt? We will use photographs to create their own rock structures and designs. The children will use digital images to help recreate "The Bodies of Pompeii" Using a range of modelling materials such as clay.

COMPUTING

In ICT we will be creating a documents with diagrams, pictures and captions.

We will also be researching Natural Disasters around the world and creating a powerpoint.

Incorporate digital images in other areas of the curriculum.

LITERACY

Focus - Newspaper Reports, Poetry, Historical Narrative.

We will explore the features of a Newspaper Report and imitate the main features to create their own reports. We will look at exciting headlines that grip the reader's interest.

We will explore different poetry styles Natural Disasters as our focus. We will explore the colourful and descriptive language used to portray the volcanic eruptions and earth shattering quakes. The children will write historical narratives recounting the fall of Pompeii.

MATHS

This term the children will continue exploring fractions. They will recognise simple fractions and represent them using diagrams and apparatus. They will become familiar with mathematical vocabulary such as denominator and numerator. They will add and subtract simple fractions. Children will begin to find simple fractions of a number eg. half of 20 third of 12.

We will also be learning about the properties of shapes including angles as a description of a turn. We will identify horizontal, vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines. The children will explore 2D and 3D shapes using modelling materials.

R.E

This terms topics are : Energy where we will help the children to understand the significance of Pentecost

Choices- Children learn about making the right choices and how no matter what we do God its always there for us. The importance of saying Sorry

.Special Places - Where we worship. Links with CAFOD.

Guided Reading

While we cannot be holding our guided read sessions at school it would be great if you share books with each other. Tell the story, predict what might happen, describe the characters. Ask each other questions, can you summarise what you have read? Enjoy your reading!

P.E

This term the children will be learning the rules of Kwik Cricket and netball. They will learn how to handle equipment correctly and play as a team. They will develop Fair Play and show good sportsmanship.

Linking with our topic we will take part in team challenges. Simple orienteering The children will develop their problem solving skills and learn how to work as a team supporting each other.



Bridge Building activities during Lockdown Clodhna and Séamus created very sturdy bridges! Well done.



SCIENCE

Focus - How do fossils form? What is sand?

Children will discover how mould fossils are formed. Children will learn that when a dead animal or plant settles on the sea floor sediment covers it and thickens over time. Pressure builds up over time turning the lower sediment to stone the print or animal dissolves to leave what will be the mould. Children will discover how sand is made and will carry out their own investigation to see which types of rock will make the most sand.

Music

During this topic the children will create and perform their own music which depicts some of the Natural disasters we have explored. How can they recreate the whistling and howling noises of the hurricanes and tornadoes, or the rumbling of the volcanoes and earth quakes. Children will continue to learn new songs and hymns during Hymn Practice.

Dear Mrs Callow and Mrs Casson

I hope you have both had a nice Easter holiday. I really miss school and hope to be back soon. I have enjoyed doing the things on the fun jar. What Mummy and I baked some short bread and made jelly. I have been learning my times tables and trying to get better at them.

Booby and me have been having fun outside. Playing on the slide and splashing each other with the garden hose.

Hope to see you soon Love Ellie
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Thank you for your letters during Lockdown this is a lovely one from Ellie.

As I said at the beginning, this has been a very strange term. We would like to thank the children and also you, the parents, for supporting the children with the activities set during the last 8 weeks or so. We know it hasn't been easy but we appreciate everything you have done. Let's hope we can all see each other soon! love Mrs. Callow & Mrs. Casson

