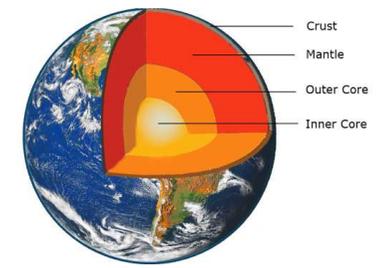




Extreme Earth



English

In English we will be continuing our work on the book *The Tin Forest*, children are really enjoying this book and will continue to develop their writing skills through lots of discussion, role play, hot seating and descriptive writing practise.

We will then move onto some non-fiction work, learning to write an explanation text (this will link to the *Geography* work). Guided reading will continue on a Monday. As a class, the children are finding spelling tricky, lots of practise on Spelling shed will help to develop their spelling.

Reading and Homework

Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible, ideally daily. This can be reading the books set on Active Learn, books from home or school books. Children will now begin to bring school reading books home again. New books will be sent home on a Thursday and need to be returned on a Monday once they have been completed (obviously longer books will take more than one weekend to read and can stay at home until they have been completed.)

Learning times tables is a key part of the Y3/4 Maths curriculum, please encourage your child to practise at home, using TT Rockstars, youtube videos, BBC supermovers etc.

Weekly homework will alternate between Maths and English, will relate to what children have been learning in school and will be sent home electronically each Friday.

Topic

Our topic work will have a geographical focus this half term. This Extreme Earth unit will teach children about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Through discussion and practical tasks, children will learn about how and why these natural phenomena occur, and the ways in which they affect people and the environment.

Our Art and Computing work will link together this half term and will be based around digital images - taking, editing and using photographs to promote our school.

In Jigsaw lessons, we will focus on relationships and in RE topic is 'People of God When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?'

Science

In Science lessons, children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

If your child is interested in fossils, Wren's Nest in Dudley is a lovely place to visit for a walk and there are many fossils to be found there!
<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/nature-reserves/wrens-nest-national-nature-reserve/>

Maths

In Maths children are taught in separate Year groups and will be covering the following units this half term:

Y3-

Fractions, including fractions on a numberline, equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions.

Measuring Time, building up to telling the time to the nearest minute on digital and analogue clocks, months and years, hours in a day, 24 hour clocks, finding and comparing durations.

Y4 -

Decimals, including rounding, ordering and comparing decimals and making a whole.

Money, including ordering, estimating, adding, subtracting and giving change in pounds and pence.

Measuring Time, including hours, minutes and seconds, converting between analogue and digital and using 24 hour clocks.

PE/Forest School

Our PE sessions are on Thursday afternoons and forest school on Friday afternoons.

Children should wear the correct kit to school on these days. Long hair should be tied up and all jewelry, including earrings will need to be removed.

Our PE this half term will be cricket, we are lucky to have a qualified coach, Nick, coming into school each week to deliver the 'Chance to Shine' programme which is designed to help children to learn the skills of resilience, teamwork and respect, alongside the sport specific skills.