

Mrs Thomas' Class Information

Autumn Term 2017

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What makes the Earth Angry?

This geography topic is an opportunity to study natural phenomenon such as volcanoes and earthquakes. We will explore how they occur, where in the world they are most likely to be found and what the impact can be on both the earth itself and human life. In our first English topic, Escape from Pompeii, we will be making links to our developing understanding of volcanoes whilst our D&T project explores the delicious foods of the Mediterranean - to decide what makes the perfect pizza. Further links are made to our Science topic in which we will ask ourselves about what rocks can tell us about the way the earth is formed.

French

Les quatre amis... through a story involving four friends it's time to learn to talk about animals.

Music

Xylophones are the soothing and melodic sound of every Tuesday for Y4. This project, delivered by Mr Perry from Wigan Music Service, is an opportunity to explore melody and harmony to create pieces of music for a performance for friends and family.

Y3 are warming up and challenging their vocal cords through exploring a variety of musical genres from R&B to great Rock ballads!

RE

How are faith communities represented in Wigan? This topic is an opportunity to explore places of worship and faith practices in Wigan. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the value of respect and how we treat other people who are different from ourselves in our community.

PSHE

How do we risk assess? This topic explores the skills involved in keeping ourselves safe.

Art

It's all about sausages and footballs as we focus on sketching the human figure in action.

English

Adventure stories, recounts and newspaper reports are just some of the writing experiences we will have this term.

Mathematics

Our focus for this term is place value and calculating as well as shape, time and length. There will be lots of opportunity to apply skills in problem solving and investigating.

Computing

How do we stay safe online? This topic explores how we can stay safe online, understanding what personal information is and the rules we should follow to keep safe.

PE/Swimming

PE is on a Monday each week and the focus for this term is Invasion Games.

Please provide your child with:
A pair of blue shorts, white t-shirt and a pair of black pumps
When PE is outdoors your child may wear trainers and in cold weather they may wear track suit bottoms in black, navy or grey.

Y3 children go swimming each Monday afternoon. Please provide your child with a swimming costume/trunks and a towel.

Homework

Times tables – These should be practised every night ready for a test at bronze, silver or gold level on a Thursday.

Reading - Home reading is of most benefit to your child if carried out regularly. As a minimum at Year 3/4, we ask that you listen to your child read and discuss the text with them three times a week.

Children are responsible for putting their book out on a morning to be changed, which they can do on a daily basis.
Planners are checked on a Monday for evidence of regular reading.

Homework - There will be a piece of optional homework given each week on a Friday. Children are given a week to complete homework.