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Dear Parents/Carers

Our first theme of the year in Year 4 is called 'Natural Disasters'. During this theme, we will be focusing on science, geography, art, design technology and music.

In English, we will be looking at diary entries linking to a disaster story based on our core text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit.

In maths, we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction.

We will begin the theme with science work, where we will be comparing and grouping materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will also be conducting experiments to observe how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. Additionally, we will study the water cycle and link our findings back to changing states.

In geography, we will be investigating key aspects of physical geography including volcanoes and earthquakes.

Throughout the theme, we will be looking at ways to link in our art and design technology work. In art, we will be looking at the works of Hokusai and creating pastel art work. In design technology we will be using balsa wood to build, strengthen and reinforce structures.

In oracy lessons and dialogic talk sessions, we will be articulating and justifying our answers, arguments and opinions. We will also be listening and responding appropriately to adults and our peers.

We will also complete some of our Activity Passport challenges including making a sculpture with natural materials, making a den and taking part in a treasure hunt.

During R.E. lessons, we will be looking at how important events are remembered.

Computing lessons will focus on coding and include online safety sessions relating to self-image and identity. In P.E. we will be playing competitive games, applying simple principles for attacking and defending.

In French lessons, the children will be looking at parts of the body and zoo animals. In P.H.S.E, we will be looking at some additional online safety sessions as well as a focus on relationships.

Additionally, Year 4 are very excited to be taking part in weekly trumpet lessons on Wednesday afternoon!

Helping at home:



As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, you could:

- Access TT Rocks and Purple Mash at home.
- Look at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbkw2hv> for geography clips and learner guides including information on volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Refer to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q> for science clips and learner guides on changing materials and solids, liquids and gases.
- The <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> website has a wealth of excellent links and resources to help with theme.

Best regards,

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Nawaz and Miss Zafar

