

This term our values will be **determination** and **respect**.

PE days Spring 1:

Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4: Monday and Thursday

PE days Spring 2:

Year 3: Monday and TBC

Year 4: Tuesday and TBC

Years 4 Residential: 5th-7th February

Open Classrooms (parents invited in to look at work): 11th February

INSET DAY: 24th February

World Book Day: 6th March

Year 3 class assembly: 24th January

Year 4 class assembly: 14th February

Parents/carers evening: 18th and 19th March

Easter Service: 4th April

End of term: 4th April (pick up at 2pm)



The big idea

Years 3 and 4 will focus on volcano and earthquakes this term as well as learn about canals and transport. Year 4 will also enjoy a residential: they are going to High Ashurst in Dorking to connect with nature!

As readers and writers we will:

- Read 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo to continue to practice our reading skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval and summarise.
- Create our own ending for the graphic novel 'Hilda and the Bird Parade' with a focus on using direct speech.
- Practise our debate skills and write a discussion text about a school issue with for and against arguments.

As geographers we will:

- Learn about:
 - labeling and describing the layers of the Earth
 - how use maps to describe plate tectonics boundaries
 - locating the Pacific Ring of Fire
 - how to describe the physical features of volcanoes
 - how to describe the physical features of earthquakes

As artists we will:

- Explore sculpture techniques (focus artist: Alberto Giacometti).
- Create our own sculptures using wire and tape.

As scientists we will:

Year 3 will be:

- describing how fossils are formed
- recognizing that soils are made from rocks and organic matter

Year 4 will be:

- learning about how we hear including volume and pitch
- learning about electricity and what materials will conduct electricity.

As mathematicians we will:

Year 3 will be:

- Recalling and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
- Recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

Year 4 will be:

- Learning about multiplication and division: factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, multiplying and dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

How you can help at home:

- Daily reading and maths practice journal
- Practise timestables and spellings.