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CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 4/5 Topic Letter



Art/ICT



This half term's topic is:
Volcanoes and Earthquakes



Literacy



This half term, the Year 4/5 children will learn about reports. They will learn the features of reports and will write reports independently. The children will write non-chronological reports on volcanoes and earthquakes and will write a newspaper article on the eruption of Krakatoa.

They will read and listen to information about and will then be able to speak, listen and respond to the subjects in a variety of ways.

The children will also continue to do weekly spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting work, as well as a range of reading comprehension tasks.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, Year 4/5 will learn about keeping positive and commenting on the way the behaviour they choose is supporting rules. They will also learn that rules are there to keep each other safe and to enable them to listen and be listened to. Finally, they will learn why and how rules and laws are made and enforced.

R.E.

This half term, the children will learn about Moses and the Ten Commandments and their importance to Christians. We will also reflect on ways in which Christian belief has made a difference to the lives of individuals.



Numeracy

In numeracy, the children will complete number work involving the four operations. They will also cover work across a range of maths topics: real-life problem solving; perimeter and area of complex shapes; being able to read the time (including 24 hour clock); interpreting and presenting discrete and continuous data in bar charts and graphs. The children will also continue weekly skills work, mental maths work and numeracy games to help improve their mental strategies.

P.E.

This half term, we will continue to learn a variety of country dances with a partner in groups of eight. They will also do gymnastics, learning to travel, balance and move safely on a variety of gymnastics equipment.



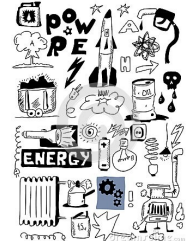
Topic

The children will continue to learn about volcanoes and earthquakes. They will learn: their locations on world maps; they will understand the importance of tectonic plates in causing volcanic eruptions and earthquakes; they will learn all of the terminology related to these catastrophic events. Year 4/5 will also learn about tsunamis: how they are formed and the damage they can cause. Finally, they will learn about the eruption of Krakatoa in 1883.



Science

In science, the children will continue to learn about electricity. The children will find which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to make switches. In addition, they will research scientists such as Benjamin Franklin and Michael Faraday and find out what their contribution is to our understanding of electricity.



Important dates to remember:

P.E. will be on a Tuesday and Friday. However, there may be opportunities for children to do P.E. outside on other days of the week, so they need to bring a P.E. kit to school every day!

Literacy, spelling and maths homework will be given out at the end of every week. Spellings homework is due in by Tuesday of the following week and literacy and numeracy homework is due in on Thursday or Friday.