

Year 4 Newsletter

September 30th 2016

Volcanologists!



There was a great rumbling noise coming from the Year 4 classrooms this morning. Huge explosions rocked the new library and children were seen wild eyed and excited. Could this be the after effects of our Condoover visit? No... this was the introduction to our new MoE. For the rest of this half term, Year 4 are becoming Volcanologists, learning all there is to know about one of the most dangerous physical features of the planet, and solving problems using their new knowledge. What happened at the foot of Vesuvius? Just how active is Etna? Where is the largest active volcano in the world? Just how do you pronounce Eyjafjallajökull, the Icelandic volcano that stopped flights from airports all over Europe in 2010? Year 4 at Oak Hill will soon be able to tell you.

Condoover

We all had an amazing time at Condoover! The children were a real credit to the school and parents/carers. Behaviour was excellent and the children's attitudes towards trying new things was fantastic. A massive well done from all of the teachers, who are extremely proud of all of you for not giving up and getting stuck into activities which were more challenging or daunting. We hope you have all recovered and slept well over the weekend.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come in after school to see the photos. If you couldn't join us, they will be replayed during parents' evenings in the main hall.

Think of the Month

In Key Stage 2 we are continuing with our 'thanks', which are simple looking questions to get you thinking and questioning. We will discuss the monthly think in class and add it to the newsletter for you to share at home and discuss ideas.

This month's think is...

Which is more important - being right or being nice?

When thinking about your response, think about:

*What do you think?

*Why do you think it?

*Can you give an example?

Answers on the Think board please!

Targets



This half term the children will have English and Maths targets to work on at home. English targets are to support spellings and Maths targets will support recall of number facts. These targets are in addition to weekly spellings and homework, and you will find them inside your child's home communication book. We will be working on the targets in school too and will see how well the children have done during the week beginning 18th October.

Ways to help at home

Spellings – Word Hunt: place different words around the house, children have a starting base and must find words, remember it and come back to base and write it down. When all words are found, collect words to check. Other strategies could include placing words where children often look e.g. fridge, bathroom mirror. You could also make flashcards or use look, say, cover, write, check method to learn new words.

Maths – practise singing or chanting your times tables. You could even make up your own song to help you remember them!

Here is an example for the three times tables

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XzfQUXqiYY>

Reminders



Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 4th October and Thursday 6th October. Please find appointment sheets on front playground window. Please sign up if you haven't already.

Swimming – Swimming will start again on Thursday 29th September. Please make sure your child has their kit and if they are to wear goggles that you have signed a consent form. Please see the office if you need one.

Outdoor Learning – Wednesday 5th October. Children can wear their own clothes. Please ensure they are warm, have a waterproof coat and sensible shoes!

PE Kits – Outdoor PE is taking place every Monday. Please ensure your child has the right kit in school at all times and that it is clearly labelled, thank you.

Water bottles – labelled water bottles need to be in school every day so the children have access to drinking water whilst in the classroom. It is so important to stay hydrated!