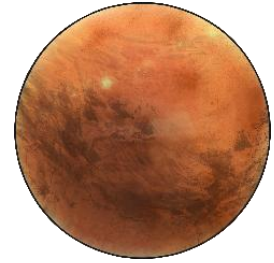


Mars Class News

June-July 2025



Our new topic this term is a Geography unit '**Angry Earth**' and will focus on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. This will give children an opportunity to consolidate some of the skills they learnt in Year 3 about Mountains and will cover the following areas:

- What's beneath your feet? (The layers of the Earth's surface)
- How and why does a volcano erupt?
- Where are volcanoes/earthquakes located?
- Why do people choose to live near volcanoes and what are the dangers?
- How does an Earthquake happen and what effects can it cause?



Children will carry out research about the Icelandic eruption of 'Eyjafjallajokull' and its impact.

Class Book:

During this term, we will be reading 'The Kid Who Fell Through Time' by Greg James and Chris Smith.

English:

We start this half term completing our information reports on dragons. We will then be retelling the story of 'Blue Umbrella', consolidating our work on setting and character descriptions before summarising our year in Year 4 for the Record of Achievement.



Alongside learning the rules and patterns of spellings each week in school, spelling lists will be sent home for children to practise as part of their weekly homework tasks. The spelling test will be the following Wednesday.

Maths:

This half term our focus will be on Shape, Money, Time and Position and Direction.

Other curriculum areas include:

- Science: Sound
- PE – Tennis (Wednesday) / Hockey (Thursday)
- Music – Charanga – Glockenspiel
- PSHE – Growing up (More information to follow)
- Art – Collage based on the work of Margaret Godfrey
- RE - Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what significant experiences mark this?
- French – On Wednesdays (Taught by Mrs Schumann)
- Computing – Digital Images using Paint.

Supporting learning at home:

- **Reading:** Every child needs to read every day; including weekends. In Year 4, children should aim to read for at least 15-20 minutes and talk to an adult about what they have read. Children should record their reading in their reading journal. Parents are encouraged to read with children and add entries into the journal.
 - **Times Tables:** Children will continue to practise tables each morning using the online site maths frame.
 - Please ensure children to continue to practise at home using TTRockstars (using the sound check) or maths frame MTC check (<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>)
- **Homework:** Children will be set weekly homework on a Thursday which will be due back the following Tuesday. It will follow this **Thursday-Tuesday** pattern throughout the year. You may support your child in tasks but please ensure if they are struggling that they know they can ask us for help. The first set of homework will be given out on **Thursday 11th June**.
 - Children are welcome to do their homework in school, during playtime if they do not have time at home. We really don't want homework to be a source of stress or anxiety, only an extension of the children's learning at school. If your child is struggling with their homework, please stop and bring it in to school. An adult will go through it with them.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside! Also ensure that **EVERYTHING is named!** If it isn't, we cannot return it.

PE: Children need to bring in a full PE kit to change in school. As the weather is changeable during this term, we recommend joggers and a jumper/hoodie in addition to shorts and T-shirts. Please also make sure that your child has a named water bottle. In Summer 2, we will have PE on a **Thursday**. Children will also have tennis this half term on a **Wednesday**. Please can children come to school dressed in sports wear with their uniform ready to change into.

Key Days:

Tuesday – Homework to be handed in

Wednesday – Tennis / Spelling test

Thursday – Homework handed out / PE (with sports coach)

Key Dates:

2nd – 13th June – Multiplication check window

13th June – PTA Father's Day sale

WB 16th June – Fitness week

26th June – Sport Day (am)

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Karen Gardiner, Jayne-Ann Dilleigh and the Year 4 team