



# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Ospreys

Summer 2021

Our Theme:

Why Do The Mountains Roar?



**Our Key Values:**

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,  
Honesty, Respect, Fairness.

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Welcome back to school after the Easter holidays. We really hope that the children are looking forward to a whole term of learning in school with their friends in our exciting journey to the Summer Holidays.

If you need to speak to me about any concerns you may have, please contact the School Office, and I will contact you by telephone or email.

### **English**

In English, we are focussing on poetry, narratives, journalism and persuasion within our theme of mountains and volcanoes. We will also be looking at Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet later in the term. We have a new class text 'When The Mountains Roared' by Jess Butterworth, which will link life in the Indian mountains to our work.

We will continue with our spelling rules and grammar structure lessons

Our daily Guided Reading sessions will allow us to delve deeper into texts on a variety of subjects and expand the vocabulary of the children.

### **Mathematics**

In Mathematics, we will be focussing on Properties of Shape, including Angles, then learning about Position and Direction in Geometry. This will be followed by consolidation of learning about the Four Operations and further consolidation of any other areas required. We will finish the academic year with a number of Maths investigations to hone our problem-solving and reasoning skills.

We will be continuing with our daily Flashback Four sessions: these include questions from across all Maths topics to help children stay fresh with their recall of Mathematical knowledge from fields such as Geometry and Measurement.

We will again be working daily on Rapid Recall facts, focussing on key Arithmetic skills. We will be continuing with our Times Table Rockstars weekly battles between classes and strongly encourage the children to play along with these at home.

### **R.E**

In RE, we will be focusing on 'Life Journeys'. This will take in journeys across a range of religions.

### **Geography**

We will be learning about the formation of volcanoes along with the effects of earthquakes and tsunamis. We will compare life on a volcanic island with our own country and county.

### **PSHE/Jigsaw**

We have incorporated the 'Zones of Regulation' within each class. We have daily check-in sessions to allow the children to assess how they have felt during different periods of the day.

We will be working through two of our Jigsaw units. The forthcoming themes are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. As always, these will be taught with sensitivity. If you have any concerns, please speak to the staff.

### **P.E**

In PE, we will be focussing on cricket and athletics.

### **Design & Technology**

In DT this term, we will be designing and making a model of a volcano. The model will involve a cam mechanism and programmable lights.

### **French**

We will cover the units involving holidays and celebrations.

### **Music**

We will be listening to 'Dancing in the Street' and 'You've Got a Friend in Me'. Our discussions will be based around song writing and structure.

### **Important Information**

We are trialling a new homework policy. The homework will be set on Friday and returned on Thursday.

Our P.E days are: Tuesday and Friday.

Part of the new homework policy is for children to read to an adult at least four times a week. This reading could include newspapers, instructions, websites and magazines. Record your child's reading by signing their Reading Records. The children will be issued with Spelling as part of their homework; please ensure these spellings are practised and recorded on the sign-off sheet in their homework book.

We will have a Parent Consultation in due course. However, if you have any concerns regarding work or your child's wellbeing, please contact me through e-mail or by phoning the office.

Kind regards,

Michael Mullen.