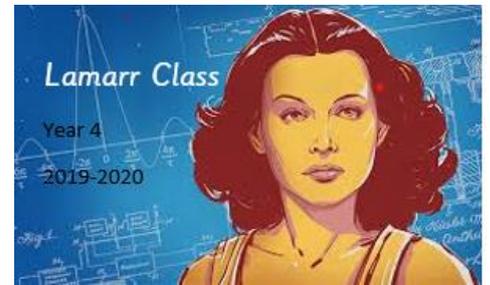




Year 4 January 2019



Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a relaxing break and that your child is refreshed and ready to enjoy the varied activities in Year 4. As always, we appreciate your help, both within school and helping your child at home, so we hope this letter gives you some ideas on how to support your child.

Over this term, Year 4 will be following a topic based approach to the curriculum whilst looking at 'Active Earth'. This unit of work is based around specific learning targets based on aspects of History, Geography, Science and Art.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About how the earth is formed
- What a volcano island is and where they are in the world
- What causes an earthquake and how they can be measured

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About rocks and soils
- About solids, liquids and gases
- What happens when a volcano erupts
- What happens when rock melts
- How volcanoes can give off poisonous gas

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the devastation of Pompeii
- About the Anglo Saxons

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About Japanese Art and creating images based on the work of Hokusai
- About using different materials and techniques to represent a volcano

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to use instruments to make sound pictures
- How to compose our own piece of percussion-based music

In RE, we will be finding out:

- About Hinduism and Christianity

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About international organisations that work after natural disasters
- About the knock-on effects of earthquakes and volcanic activity.

During this unit the children will be involved in reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working independently and collaboratively.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they are doing as the term progresses and let them teach you if they can! If your child has some work to research, please help and support them – but without actually doing the work! If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of these topics, please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest are the most important things.

We hope you will enjoy seeing your child work with enthusiasm as they fulfil their targets.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Glenn Denney and Mrs. Sophie Davies