

# Leaffield C.E. Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. It has been great to welcome the children back, and I am really looking forward to the exciting learning ahead this term in Rosen Class.

## **Topic**

This term, our topic is *Tremors*, where the children will explore powerful natural events that shape our planet. They will learn about the layers of the Earth, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and the Ring of Fire. Through this topic, children will build their geographical understanding while developing curiosity about how and why these events occur.

## **Literacy and Class Book**

Our class book this term is *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman, which will support rich discussion and comprehension work.

In writing, we will explore *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. The children will write first-person narratives, imagining the dramatic events through the eyes of characters such as Tranio or Livia. Alongside this, we will continue to develop sentence structure, handwriting, and spelling skills.

## **Mathematics**

In mathematics, we will focus on multiplication and division. The children will develop their understanding through practical activities, reasoning, and problem-solving to build confidence and fluency.

## **Science**

We will begin the term by learning about rocks, fossils, and soil. Children will explore the three main rock types—sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic—and learn how fossils are formed over millions of years. They will also investigate soil and understand why it is such an important natural resource.

Later in the term, we will move on to forces and magnets, learning about contact and non-contact forces, friction, and magnetism.

## **R.E.**

Our big question this term is: *What do Muslims believe about God and where did Islam start?*

Children will learn about the belief in one God (Allah), the beginnings of Islam, and key ideas such as the Qur'an and the Night of Power. They will also consider how beliefs influence people's lives and make comparisons with other religions they have studied.

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## **Wider Curriculum**

In Art, the children will study ammonites, developing skills in sketching, printmaking, and sculpture.

In Computing, we will explore sequencing using Scratch. Children will learn how to create simple programs using motion, sound, and event blocks, with a final project focused on designing a piano.

In PSHE, our focus is *Living in the Wider World: Diverse Britain*. The children will learn about democracy, rules, and laws, and the importance of respect and tolerance in our diverse society.

## **Music**

This term, music lessons will be based around the song *Three Little Birds*. Through singing, playing instruments, improvising, and composing, children will explore key musical elements such as pulse, rhythm, and pitch, while also listening to and appraising Reggae music.

## **P.E.**

P.E. will take place on Tuesdays, taught by Mr Andrews, in school.

We will also be going swimming every Wednesday afternoon from 21st January. Please ensure you have read the information sent by the school office.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and is due back on the following Wednesday. Children are encouraged to complete their work as independently as possible. If you have any questions about homework, please do not hesitate to ask.

## **Snacks and Belongings**

Children may bring a healthy snack and a clearly labelled water bottle that they can open independently. Please ensure all belongings, especially jumpers and coats, are named.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing, please speak to me before or after school, or contact the school office to arrange a convenient time. I will always do my best to support you and your child.

I am very much looking forward to a happy and successful term in Rosen Class and to celebrating the children's achievements as the weeks progress.

Best regards,

Mrs Kelly

Rosen Class Teacher