



Active Planet



Year 4 - Autumn 1

What's it all about?

This topic explores aspects of our natural world such as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.



Geographers: Evaluate areas of volcanic and seismic activity. Describe the main features of a volcano.

Readers: We'll be focusing on reading the following texts: *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Ballit and *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman.

Writers: As writers, we will be using our core texts to help us write a setting description, alternative ending to a story, an epilogue and a character description. We will also write an informal letter and an explanation text about volcanoes.

Mathematicians: We will be working on place value and addition and subtraction.

Musicians: We will explore the 'This Little Light of Mine' unit.

Designers: We will be designing and making felt phone cases using our sewing skills.

Scientists: We will be identifying and comparing solids, liquids and gases including changes of state, evaporation & condensation.

Spellers: Our spelling patterns for this half-term will include adding prefixes in-, and dis- (e.g. inactive, disrespect), adding im- to root words beginning with 'm' or 'p' (e.g. impatient, immature) and adding the suffixes -ous, -ly and -ture (e.g. dangerous, suddenly, mixture).

RE: We will explore the Christianity unit 'What did God Promise to his People?'

Life Skills: We will be exploring the 'Me and My Relationships' unit.

PE: We will be exploring the 'Personal Skills' unit. PE sessions will take place every Tuesday and Thursday.

French: We will learn how to say adjectives in French and then use this to describe a person.

Computing: We will be learning how to stay safe online.

Family Learning Ideas: Create your own volcanic eruption with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda (outside). Use paints or crayons to create a volcano picture. Do some research about different volcanoes around the world.

Hermitage Values: Our value this term is positivity!

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