

Adamson Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2021

Welcome back after a well-deserved summer holidays. Our topic this half term is 'Violent Volcanoes'.



PDL/Circle Time

This half term the children will be looking at relationships and how they can manage their emotions within different relationships.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set online on a Wednesday (starting on the second week back) and should be handed in by the following Monday. Dependant on the tasks set these can be submitted online or in their homework book, which will be sent home. If you require a hard copy of the homework or need help accessing the online homework, then please speak to Mrs Sanders. Please sign your child's reading record so we know how much they are reading at home and can reward them. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 4 days a week.



Topic - Geography - Volcanoes

In topic this half term we are looking at volcanoes. Firstly, the children will get a greater understanding of what the earth looks like on the inside to help them understand how volcanoes are created. We will be looking at both the positive and negative factors of volcanoes and what effects these have on people who live and work nearby. Also, we will be looking at some of the world's greatest volcanoes and locate these on maps. From this, we will then build our own volcanoes - maybe even try and make them erupt!

Maths

This half term we will be starting our Maths learning by looking at place value of numbers up to 10,000. We will look at representing these numbers in different ways using concrete materials. We will then move on to looking at building on our knowledge of addition and subtraction and looking at identifying and recalling our number bonds to 100. Building on this knowledge, we will then look at money where we will identify different coins and look at being able to give change. We will finish this half term by developing our multiplication skills and understanding. Please help your child learn their times tables at least 3 times a week.

PE and Games

Games will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Holmes our sports coach and PE will be Gym on Friday. In PE the children will be learning new skills and creating their own gym sequences individually and in small groups. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

English

This half term we will be basing our guided reading work around 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman which links to our Volcano topic. We will be exploring new vocabulary and developing our comprehension skills along the way. In addition to this, we will be using this text in our English also to write a setting description for our own volcano scene.

We will then be looking at writing a newspaper report about a train robbery based on the short film 'Ruckus (2013)'. In this, we will be thinking about Purpose, audience, and the form of our writing.



Modern Foreign Languages

We will be carrying on with our French learning this year. We will start by looking at a range of classroom instructions where the children will be able to follow instructions given to them in French. They will then look at different French greetings and use these in short conversations. Finally, we will start looking at zoo animals.

Music

In music this half term we will be playing samba music with the Hampshire Music Team.

We will then use music qualities to compose music suitable for a news programme theme tune.

Science

In Science this half term the children will be looking at Rocks and Soils. The children will explore the appearance and texture of different rocks, investigating how rocks are formed and the link between rocks and soil. Learning will include - identifying and classifying rock samples; exploring the rock cycle to deepen understanding of how different types of rock are formed; creating soil layers. Children will also begin to consider fossils and how these are made.

Computing

In computing this half term, we will be looking at creating animation. They will look at planning their own animation using a storyboard, and then drawing and modifying their characters. They will then look at adding background, sound, and text to their animations.