



January 2016

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome back all our pupils, and their families, after the Christmas break. We hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we shall continue to have high expectations of our pupils. It is important that they remain organised. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that the Planner and Reading Record is used to record daily reading at home. Please also ensure that all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled. So far there has been minimal lost property in the Year 4 area; let's try hard to maintain this.

Over the next half term, Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Active Planet'. During this unit pupils will be learning:

- How the Earth is formed and its structure
- What a volcano is and where they are in the world
- About plate tectonics and how this affects the location of the world's major earthquakes and volcanoes
- What causes an earthquake
- How earthquakes are measured
- About protective clothing and equipment and the role of a volcanologist
- About the knock on effects of earthquakes and volcanic activity
- About disaster relief centres
- About the devastation of Pompeii

Pupils will also be:

- Making a volcano cross section out of dough
- Sewing volcanoes using embroidery stitching

In the second half of term our topic is Chocolate. During this unit pupils will be learning:

- The history of the Aztecs
- How chocolate is made
- Where cocoa beans are grown
- About fair-trade

Pupils will also be:

- Evaluating chocolate packaging and designing their own
- Chocolate tasting

Forthcoming Events

Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 14 March and Thursday 17 March.

Years 4 and 5 production: Wednesday 30 March (afternoon) and Thursday 31 March (evening).

It has been a pleasure for staff to work with Year 4 so far this academic year and we all look forward to a positive and successful spring term. The term ends on Friday 1 April.

Yours sincerely

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