



Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term.

<b>English</b>	This term in English we will be covering a range of writing styles. The term will start with performance poetry about natural disasters. During world book week, we will use a picture book called "Flood" to inspire our writing. We will then finish the term with adventure and mystery writing, related to our topic of "What Makes the Earth Angry?".
<b>Maths</b>	In maths this term we will be learning about money and how to calculate change. Additionally we will be revising and learning formal written methods for multiplication and division. We will end the half term looking at finding fractions of number and practising how to tell the time to 5 minutes.
<b>Science</b>	<b>'Can you feel the force?'</b> We will be exploring forces that affect daily lives. Children will develop skills in designing and recording their own experiments.
<b>Topic</b>	<b>'What Makes the Earth Angry?'</b> We will continue our exploration of natural disasters and extreme weathers with a particular focus on earthquakes. When the pupils return after half term they will return to a scenario simulating an earthquake in class followed by an evacuation which will lead to making survival kits. To finish off their experience, in the afternoon the children will construct marshmallow and stick towers to carry out wobble tests to discover the most solid base for a building. To finish off with great work at the end of spring, pupils will attend a volcano workshop and create a volcano during design and technology.
<b>RE</b>	<b>'Do Fame and the Christian Faith go together?'</b> We will consider how the Christian religion supports fame and how Christians can be famous without compromising their faith? Followed by <b>'Who is the most important person in the Easter story?'</b> Children will explore key characters in the Gospel accounts of Holy Week.
<b>DT</b>	<b>'What will make them explode?'</b> As part of our great work in Topic, the pupils will design and build a volcano.
<b>PE</b>	Swimming for Poplars will continue and Mr V will now be working with Poplars. Sycamores and Maples will be completing indoor and outdoor P.E with altered dates below. <b>P.E days</b> Poplars: Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday (Mr V-football & gymnastics) Maples: Monday & Friday Sycamores: Monday & Tuesday
<b>COMPUTING</b>	<b>'Have you got a minute?'</b> The children will carry out online surveys and collect data learning to analyse and reproduce data in charts and graphs.
<b>French</b>	We will be learning vocabulary to help us Identify animals and pets, recognise and use numbers 11–20, give someone's name and describe someone.
<b>Music</b>	We will be looking at music by Benjamin Britten - <i>There Was a Monkey</i> (Western and Classical music)
<b>PSHCE</b>	This half term our topic is "Family and Friends"
<b>Trips and Dates</b>	<b>w/b 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> World Book Week <b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> World Book Day (dress up) <b>6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> Parent Teacher Consultations. <b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> Easter Service at St Mary's Church
<b>Special request</b>	<b><i>In celebration of our topic, Extreme Weathers, on the first day of school we ask that the children bring in a shoe box or similar type of box with a lid, to be used to make a survival kit.</i></b>

Thank you for your support with our home-learning. Spellings will continue to be issued on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Homework will be handed out on Fridays and should be handed in by the next Tuesdays.



Yours sincerely,  
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