

Science:

Exploring light.

- Sources of light
- Absence of light and darkness
- Reflective materials

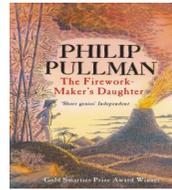
Plants

- Functions of flowering plants
- Water transportation



Whole class text:

The Firework
Maker's Daughter
By Philip
Pullman



Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



Home Learning:

- ♦ Research about the layers of the Earth and Volcanoes.
- ♦ Spellings and handwriting cursive style practise

English:



Our new class text is *The Firework Maker's Daughter* and our focus will be following the plot of the story. In depth studies of the main characters, retrieval of information and finding the meaning of new and unknown vocabulary in context and making inferences.

Using the text children will be focussing on writing to entertain the reader using a range of vocabulary choices and extending their sentences. Their focus will be to write an informal letter, identifying the language and organisational features independently.

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Enquiry question:

What is that noise under the ground?

Mathematics:

Our focus this half term is multiplication and division.

We will look at:

- Repeated Addition
- Word Problems
- Column Multiplication
- Grid Method
- Dividing using Partitioning



Art/D.T:



Our Art and D.T. will be heavily linked to our enquiry question. They will enhance their sketching techniques, by sketching volcanoes and rocks. **In D.T.** the children will be making their own volcanoes using the papier mâché technique and recycled resources.

R.E./P.S.H.E:



Our focus will be on the third of our school values; Curiosity. — the C from DRCARE

The children will be learning about the importance of making sensible decisions when it comes to peer pressure and who to talk to if they are in an uncomfortable situation.

R.E.: Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Christianity.

History/ Geography:



In Geography, we will be looking at the layers of the Earth and exploring different types of volcanoes and their features. Alongside this we will be exploring the concept of an eruption and what takes place under the ground to cause these. In **History**, the children will be researching Vishal Verma (fossil hunter) who discovered dinosaur eggs and a fossil called *Cidaris*.

P.E.:

This half term the children will be taking part in outdoor adventurous activities to help strengthen their team work and communication skills, whilst allowing them to think critically to improve their decision making.

