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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term.

Here is an outline of English and Maths work for Years 3 and 4 for the next half term.

## **English**

### **Volcano by Joshua Seigal**

Children will read a poem that imagines the personal perspective of a volcano. They will have an opportunity to learn some vocabulary connected with volcanoes. It will culminate in them writing their own poem about a volcano that follows the same structure.

### **Reading**

- Discuss the meaning of figurative language.
- Know how a setting is developed.
- Develop a deeper understanding of a text.
- Explore the etymology and morphology of words.
- Identify structural features of a poem.

### **Writing**

- Use powerful verbs in description.
- Understand how tension is created.
- Edit and improve a sentence.
- Use of superlative adjectives and expanded noun phrases.
- Commas for lists, including lists of adjectives.
- Extending sentences with a wider range of conjunctions.
- Use of conjunctions, adverbials and prepositions, including prepositional phrases.
- The use of figurative language.

### **Reading at home**

Please make sure that your child reads aloud to an adult at home at least three times a week. Discussion about what they are reading is vital to ensure that children are reading for meaning and with understanding. During self-reading time, children are encouraged to write new words that they cannot read or do not understand in their reading record book, with the page number, so that they can be discussed with an adult.

### **Spelling**

Children will have a list of words to practise each week, with a check every Thursday.

## **Maths**

### **Y3**

#### **Number: Multiplication and Division**

- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
- write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.
- solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division.

### **Y4**

#### **Measurement: Perimeter**

- convert between different units of measure.
- measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres.

#### **Number: Multiplication and Division**

- recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ .
- use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together 3 numbers.
- recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.
- multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.
- solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by 1 digit.

#### **Times tables homework**

This half term, the children have been asked to complete a page in their white times tables practise book each week. They will be shown what to do every Friday and books will be checked the following Friday. Please encourage your child to use the resources in their maths homework folder, including their multiplication square to self-check. This step is really important to make sure they don't repeat the same mistakes. If they are keen and would like to complete two pages, that's fine!

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

*Glenda Glenwright*