

KEY FOCUS: Maths

We will be learning about place value with Year 3 learning to read, write and order numbers up to 1,000 and year 4 building on this by working with numbers beyond 1,000, including rounding, Roman numerals and finding 1,000 more or less. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, developing our problem solving and reasoning skills by applying our knowledge to real-life contexts.

KEY FOCUS: English

Linking to Science and Geography, we will be exploring illustrated non-fiction narratives with the goal of producing our own texts of this type about volcanoes. Later in the term we will be reporting on a volcanic eruption and writing news stories and blogs about it.

Useful Supporting Website:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z63vdnb>

Cherry, Damson & Apple Class Term 1 – 2026 / 27



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS:

Volcanoes



KEY FOCUS: Science

Science links closely with Geography this term. We will be looking at rocks and soils. The children will start by exploring the properties of rocks and modelling how rocks are formed. They will then learn about how fossils form and that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

KEY FOCUS: Guided Reading

In Guided Reading this term, we will be reading *The Pebble in my Pocket* by Meridith Hooper and Chris Coady. During our lessons we will practise our VIPERS skills by exploring the book and the language used, making inferences, retrieving from the text and summarising.

Homework

This term, we would like the children to focus on reading at home, ideally daily, and logging into Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible. If you need any further ideas or support for home learning, please see the class pages of the website.

Foundation Subjects

Geography: we will be exploring mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, thinking about our enquiry questions 'Why do people live near volcanoes?'

PE: Apple class will be swimming, whilst Damson and Cherry classes will be practising their netball skills.

French: we will be learning and greetings, numbers and colours.

RE: our topic this term is 'Is scripture central to religion?'

PSHCE: our topic this term is 'How can I feel safe and included?', where we will explore families and friendships.

Art: we will be creating some artwork to accompany our learning about volcanoes. Later in the term, we will create some artwork to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school.

Computing: we will be learning about digital devices and how they are connected through networks. We will think about how digital devices help us and what our school network looks like.

Music: Apple and Cherry will be focusing on 'Chilled out Clap Rap' with Damson Class having instrumental teaching.