

Interesting ways to support learning

Why not browse websites like National Geographic Kids and search for information on natural disasters

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

BBC weather website is also a good source of information.

Date for the diary

On **Friday 13th December**, we will be having open classrooms across the school to celebrate all our learning about Our Wonderful World. We would love to see as many of you as possible between 9-10 am.

On **Monday 16th December**, we will have a poet, James Carter visiting the school. He will be creating Christmas poems with the Key Stage 2 children and doing an assembly which parents will be invited to – a separate email will be sent out about this.

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Please take a look at our new website and in particular the **Home Learning page** where you will find useful websites and spelling resources to support your child's learning at home.

Reading: It is vitally important that you read with your child every day. Children are welcome to borrow books from the school library which you can read with them. You could also read the news on your phone, websites and whilst out and about. The more they read, the better they will be able to access the curriculum in school. There are suggested book lists in the form of tube and road maps on our website (home learning page).

Maths: 'Times Table Rockstars' is a fun, free interactive game online which can be accessed via our school website. All the children have a school log- in which they can use at home. The children should understand how it works. Please encourage your child to play in their spare time, as times tables recall is an essential skill that will help them across the maths curriculum.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Year 6 – please encourage your child to continue to work through their **SATS workbooks**. If they need any support, they should bring their books into school to ask the class teacher.



Our Wonderful World

Upper Key Stage 2 Team



TOPIC OVERVIEW TERM 2

Welcome back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable half term. We all enjoyed learning about rainforests as part of our autumn topic Our Wonderful World.

This half term we will extend our learning further to focus on natural disasters. The children will learn about a whole range of natural disasters including volcanoes, tornados, earthquakes, tsunamis amongst others.



THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

English	This term we will be Writing to Inform including writing reports and recounts.
Maths	<p>Maths The children will continue to be taught in separate year groups.</p> <p>Year 5 Multiplication and division, statistics, area and perimeter,</p> <p>Year 6 Addition &* Subtraction, factors, multiples, primes, squares, cubes. Multiplication and division.</p> <p>On Wednesdays, the children will be taught in their classes and these lessons will be on shape and statistics.</p>
Science	Forces.
Design & Technology	Designing, making and evaluating survival snacks.
Geography	We will be studying Natural Disasters. This will include: Tectonic plates, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, hurricanes, whirlpools and sinkholes. The children came up with these areas themselves.
PE	Swimming – Classes 56JA and 56A (56N will swim in term 3) Ballroom Dancing Hockey We will also be running Active 30 session three times a week in the morning.
French	Directions, The weather, Christmas.
Music	The Arrival – Creating musical accompaniments for this book..
Computing	Creating weather forecasts using green screen.
PSHE	Link to the School Vales of CARE. We will be focusing on Aspiration.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

The expectation is that the children have their PE Kit in school all week. It should be in school on a Monday morning and go home to be washed on a Friday. Their PE kit for this term must consist of:

- A white or house colour t-shirt
- A school rugby top (optional)
- Black/ navy shorts or joggers (weather dependent)
- Trainers (many children now use trainers as outdoor shoes and these are fine for PE).

Please note that hoodies are not suitable for PE lessons due to Health and Safety reasons. Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Snacks:

We would encourage you to send your child in with a healthy snack (fruit or cheese) that can be eaten at playtime. It is important that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

Survival Snacks

As part of our topic work, we are going to be designing and making survival snacks. On the afternoon of Friday 8th November, the children will be designing their survival snack. That evening, they will come home with a list of their chosen ingredients, which they will need to source themselves over the weekend. They will also need to weigh and measure their ingredients to ensure they have the correct quantities (this will have been established at school during the design stages). The children will need to bring their ingredients in to school on the following Monday morning (11th November) when their culinary delights will be constructed! Thank you for your support with this.

KILVROUGH

A reminder that Kilvrough will take place for year 6 pupils w/c 2nd December. There will be lots of information coming to you via email shortly. We will also be arranging to meet with the year 6 children in school time, to provide a space for them to ask questions about what they can expect.