Planet Preservers

Term 4
Year 4
Kestrels & Skylarks
Ms Worrell and Mrs Bayliss
English

Oliver Crisp's parents are explorers and for 10 years they have travelled the world, taking Oliver with them. Now they have decided that all the great unknowns have been seen and they are ready to return home. To their surprise they discover a dozen mysterious islands in the bay near their house. They pull out the dinghy and immediately set off to explore whilst Oliver begins to unpack. When he goes out to check on them, the islands are gone and so are his parents. That is why a boy who dreams of staying home and going to school winds up on yet another amazing adventure, in search of his missing parents.

- To use recount skills to produce diary entries for events surrounding Oliver’s life.
- To plan and design an information leaflet, using research from topic lessons on some of the main islands that surround the United Kingdom.
- To create an instruction text on how to care for and train sea monkey.

Mathematics

We are moving our learning on to fractions. We will be simplifying and finding equivalent fractions. Adding and subtracting fractions from fractions and mixed numbers. We will also be looking at word problems that involve fractions.

We will continue to practise our 3, 4, 8 and learn our 7 times tables.
Vocabulary
We are going to be introducing the following vocabulary: volcanoes, erupt, magma, lava, vent, chamber, plates, valve, pressure, gases, molten rock, crust, mantle, dormant, extinct.

Reading Immersion
We are continuing to complete lots of comprehension activities based on the book Charlotte's Web. If you have a copy at home, your child may wish to bring it in and keep it at school, so that they can follow along and use it to refer to during our sessions.

Homework
- All pupils will receive daily Mathematics homework (up to 3 questions).
- Spellings are issued and quizzed on a Friday in the home spelling book.
- The children will receive English Comprehension homework on a Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday's comprehension needs to be completed by Friday and Friday's comprehension should be completed by Tuesday.
- We expect children to be reading at least 3 times a week to an adult with their appropriately designated reading book. Any words that your child is struggling to read can be jotted down in the reading journal so they can be practised in class.

Topic
Our Topic this term is focusing on islands using a variety of sources including Maps covering the British Isles.
- To name some of the main islands that surround the United Kingdom.
- Locating islands surrounding the United Kingdom.
- What causes them to form and erupt?
- To explain the differences between the British Isles, Great Britain and the United Kingdom.
- To use explore difference with a South American country.

Terrific Thursdays
These will continue to include: Sporting Games, singing, Musical Theatre and more. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kits on this day and with earrings removed.

Science
In our Living things and habitats. Exploring groups of living things in different ways, e.g., flowering and non-flowering plants, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, worms, slugs, spiders, insects. We will be using classification keys to group, identify and name living things. With many opportunities for outside learning. We will discover how changes to an environment could endanger living things.

RE
This term we are learning about Salvation and its meaning to Christians. We will explore the Big Question: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died “Good Friday”? (Digging Deeper).