

Year 4 – Silver Birch

Curriculum Newsletter

Term 5

Learning Journey – Geography & Science

This term we will be answering the question, **Are earthquakes and volcanoes good or bad?** This learning journey will incorporate our Geography and Science learning. In Geography, we will be looking at what causes earthquakes and volcanoes to occur and their impact on humans. We will also be evaluating the pros and cons of living near a volcano and its effects on other environments such as animal habitats. In our Science lessons, we will be looking at living things and their habitats and grouping and classifying different types of animals. We will also be exploring states of matter and learning about evaporation and condensation.



RE

What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?

This term in RE our focus in religion is Judaism. We will start by exploring the ways in which Jews demonstrate their commitment to God. Then, we will learn about a variety of Jewish traditions and practices and consider our own opinions on how these show commitment. We will also compare these practices in order to explore which shows the most commitment.



PSHE

Our SCARF unit this half term is **Being my Best.** We will be discussing about having choices and making decisions with looking after ourselves and staying healthy. Also, we will be learning about how to take care of our environment for us and for other people both now and in the future.



Dates for the diary!

Year 4 parent workshop - TBC

Year 4 Rand Farm residential trip – 5th – 7th July

Computing – Photo Editing

We will be learning how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. We will also consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of our choices.



Modern Foreign Language - Spanish

In Spanish we are continuing to develop our ability to talk about ourselves in Spanish. We will consolidate our knowledge of 'La Familia' and complete a unit titled 'Me Presento' which means 'Presenting Myself'. We have recently downloaded the Language Angels App to further our language skills and improve our conversational Spanish.



Music

Our focus song for this term is **Blackbird**. We will explore the pulse, rhythm, tempo and pitch of the music as well as learn the lyrics and melody in order to perform the song. We will also be listening and appraising other songs by the Beatles to compare the style and melodies of each song to one another.



PE

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Our sports this term will be Swimming and OAA (outdoor adventurous activities). We will be developing our team working as well as facing tough challenges outside in PE. Swimming we will be continuing developing their swimming ability.