



The Pathfinders – Spring Term 2023 - 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you will find the following information helpful to you for the Spring term.

Below is a summary of our learning during last term.

Last term we loved learning about Ancient Greece, baking and tasting their cuisine and making our own Greek pots. We also did a spectacular job during our KS2 Primary School Musical too! In Science the children were astounded to learn about our digestive system and conducted some experiments to help visualise what goes on inside our bodies. Most recently, we took a trip to St Catherine's Church in the village to learn about 'Christingle' and our 'Open the Book' assemblies have begun, which are delivered by staff from the church every few weeks. We love these stories!



Below is what we will be doing during Spring Term 2023 – 2024:

ENGLISH

This term we are learning about 'The Highway Man' poem by Alfred Noyes and comparing it to Julia Donaldson's 'Highway Rat'. Then we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's novel 'King of the Cloud Forests' which links directly to our Geography Topic below. As with all of our English Topics, we like to immerse the children into a story to bring the unit to life, including games, songs, artwork, music and drama too (see image below)! As part of our Vipers journey, the children will continue to practise and refine how to use: Inference, Vocabulary, Prediction, Summarising, Explaining and Retrieving to improve their comprehension skills. Don't forget the children receive their new spelling lists weekly, to practise at home and can use Spelling Shed to play spelling games. How are we all getting on with BoomHub Reader App? Is it simple enough to use and record when you hear your child read? Please ask Mrs Murray for any reading advice...

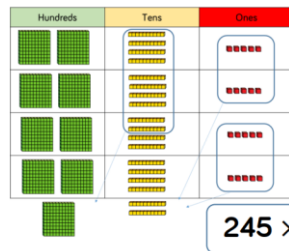


MATHS

This term we will be working on our Multiplication and Division knowledge. We will be spending time mastering our times table knowledge up to 12 x 12 before moving onto the formal methods for multiplication and Division.

Here are the formal methods we will be working on;

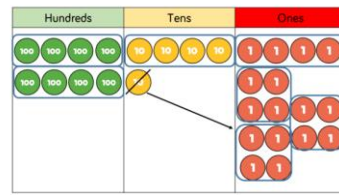
Multiplication



	H	T	O
	2	4	5
x			4
	9	8	0

$$245 \times 4 = 980$$

Division



		2	1	4
4	8	5	1	6

TOPIC

This term our topic is: Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Mountains. This links directly to the work we are doing in English which helps the children to feel immersed in the topic and the technical vocabulary we need to use in our work, such as: plate tectonics, magma, crust, core, summit, slope, Himalayas. We will then dig deeper into what life is like for people living on/near plate boundaries and why natural disasters occur, allowing children to ask poignant questions and research the answers as a class...

In Science, we will be learning about the states of matter. We explore what happens to the materials during the process of melting and freezing. We learn that there are different factors which can affect the melting and freezing point of substances and will investigate this scientifically.

