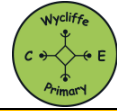


# Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2024



### All Different – All Equal



### Cherry Class

Mrs Docherty



### Willow Class

Mrs Donnelly

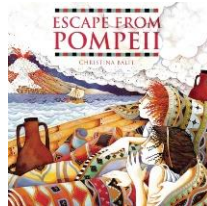


### Our 'BIG QUESTION' is...

What makes the Earth angry?

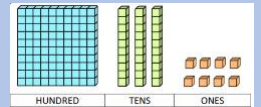
### English

Our class text is *Escape from Pompeii*. After immersing ourselves in this historical fiction text, we will turn our hand to writing a diary style recount. Later in the half term, we will switch genre to non-fiction where we will learn the skills to write a historically accurate chronological report about the events in Pompeii. Additionally, every week we will focus on reading, handwriting, phonics and spelling.



### MATHS

In Maths, we will begin by revising our 'place value' skills from year 2 and ironing out any misconceptions. Initially, we will focus on numbers within 100 and then 1000. Through our Maths Mastery approach, we will spend time: ordering numbers; placing numbers on a number line; partitioning numbers; finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less than any given number and comparing numbers and objects. As the half term progresses, we will use this knowledge to calculate using addition and subtraction and solve reasoning problems.



### HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will revisit and embed our knowledge of climate zones before moving on to learn about why volcanoes and earthquakes happen in certain parts of the world. We will also be learning about their economic, environmental and human impact.



### Science

We will study rocks, fossils and soil this half term. Scientists ask and answer questions. As scientists, we will acquire the knowledge and skills to answer our questions using a range of scientific methods. Firstly, we will compare, and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. Then we will describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Finally, we will learn that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



### PE for both classes – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Please come dressed in your PE kit on these days. It is **volleyball** and **hockey** this half term. We will learn lots of new skills including the importance of hand-eye coordination, teamwork and agility.

### Art

In our art lessons we will study the great artist, Jackson Pollock. We will experiment with different layering techniques using a range of materials. We will then have the skills to make our own volcanic masterpiece!



### PSHE

Our big question in PSHE is 'What keeps us safe?' We will focus on how to keep safe and to recognise hazards. We will learn how to identify pressure and respond correctly and to be able to deal with an emergency situation. We will continue to work on understanding how everyday health and hygiene routines keep us safe.



### RE

Our big question in RE is 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' We will be learning that God the Creator cares for creation, including human beings and that as human beings are part of God's good creation, they do best when they listen to Him. We will be looking at the 10 Commandments which God gave us to help us live in his way. We will also be thinking about how Christians show that they want to be close to God through obedience and worship, which includes saying sorry.



### Music

In Music this half term the children will be learning to perform the track "Let Your Spirit Fly" singing and playing along to the track using notes C F G on the glockenspiel. We will be learning our class song and listening to lots of other musical genres.



### Computing

In Computing, we will be using applications and devices to communicate ideas, work and messages. We will learn how to insert a picture/text/graph/hyperlink from the internet and how to save, retrieve and evaluate work, making amendments.

### French

In French, we will begin by learning some core pieces of basic vocabulary to set the foundations for learning.



### Reading

Please keep reading anything and everything you can alongside your school reading book. Record any reading that you do in the Reading Record. In school, we will read with your child at least once a week. We would love it if you could read on a daily basis. **Please continue to use Accelerated Reader to complete quizzes.**

### Homework

Weekly spellings and learn by hearts will take place on a Friday. Please remember your folder on this day. Spelling Frame and Timetable Rockstars are excellent websites to support you with your learning at home. **For your homework project this half term, please choose a hexagon in your homework folder and use the theme 'volcanoes'. This will be due in on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.**