

## RE

In RE, the children will be focussing on the miracles of Jesus. They will be listening to and reading stories from the bible around the miracles that Jesus performed and be able to see them from different perspectives. They will be thinking about whether Jesus was able to heal people and whether there may have been other explanations for the stories told in the bible. The main idea throughout the unit will be that Christians believe that Jesus was the incarnation of God on Earth.

## PSHE

In PSHE the children will be thinking about how to stay safe in their own environments and how to make sensible and safe decisions.

## PE

The children will be participating in a range of different sports taught by Mrs Bowden on a Wednesday afternoon. They will also have an extra lesson of PE a week that will be based on indoor activities (dance, gymnastics etc), so please ensure that you child's PE kit is suitable for being indoors and outdoors.

## Computing

The children will use different programs and equipment to create simple algorithms to allow instructions be carried out and completed. The children will also be able to understand where there is a problem with the algorithm and how they can rectify it.

New Road Primary School

**Spring Term (1) 2020**

**Year 3/4**



**Information for parents**

Mrs Bowyer

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

Welcome back and we hope that you have had an enjoyable festive break. This booklet is to inform you about your child's learning this half term.

### **Mathematics**

During this half term, the children will be working on their knowledge of fractions and using their understanding of multiplication and division to do this.

They will also be completing a fast maths challenge every day to keep up the practise of their times tables, an essential skill in Years 3 and 4. The children will also be moving on to geometry looking primarily at position and direction, using directions, compass points and co-ordinates.

Homework will be linked to the learning that they have been doing that week. There is a homework club every Thursday lunchtime.

### **English**

The children will be focussing on writing using different tenses (past, present and future) and how words change to accommodate this. They will be writing accounts of the devastation of Pompeii, information texts about volcanoes and earthquakes and will be using their knowledge to create an evacuation plan.

In addition to their writing, they will learn new vocabulary through the Powerful Words Project, practise spelling patterns and participate in reading sessions.

### **History**

We will look at the devastation of Pompeii during the Roman era and the beliefs that the people held around the ideas of volcanoes and the natural world.

### **Design Technology**

The children will create a volcano with different materials, thinking about the way in which a volcano is created and the way in which the processes work. They will combine this knowledge with some of the science that will focus on chemical reactions.

### **Science**

This half term, the children will be learning about different rocks and their properties, ensuring that they understand that rock is a naturally formed substance and what the different types can be used for. They will also begin to understand why different types of rocks and soils are found in different places around the world.

### **Geography**

In *Geography*, the children will study the layers of the Earth and how volcanoes are made and how they work. The children will also learn about where volcanoes can be found and the fact that some are still active and others are not. They will also start to use maps and directions to navigate.

### **Art**

The art that the children will create this half term will be based around the islands in the Pacific Ocean and some of the cultures that are prevalent in that area of the world.