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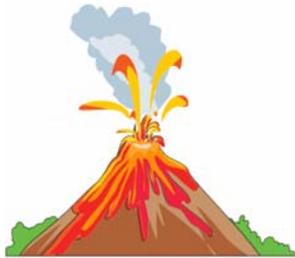
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Apple Class Newsletter - Summer 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It does not seem possible that we have already had the first May Bank Holiday and that it is only three weeks until we need to skip round the Maypole again! Where has the year gone?

Curriculum



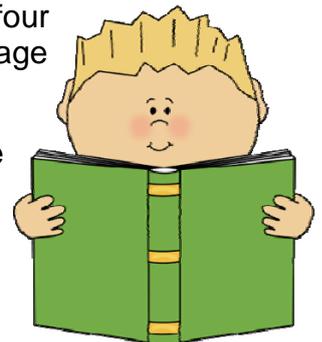
Our final topic of the year, **Extreme Earth**, will span Terms Five and Six and will include aspects of Geography, Science and Art and Design. We have started by looking at extreme weather conditions and the effects of phenomena such as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. Pupils will go on to learn about the Pacific Rim and various Fault Lines and consider how people adapt to living in such volatile areas. They will consider how the landscape has been shaped by such natural disasters both in ancient times and more recent history. Within the natural world, we will look at habitats, food chains and the effects on wildlife of landscapes changed by human intervention.

Preparations for May Day will see Upper School producing some large scale art work to accompany the festivities as well as turning up our heels! We will be considering British Values in our Moral Maze Week and further develop our coding skills in computing. We are all looking forward to working on another Upper School Production and making props and scenery.

Reading, Spelling and Homework

Pupils should be reading for a minimum of 15 -20 minutes at least four times a week and recording this in their reading diaries. Please encourage them to read regularly as we head towards the end of the school year.

The arrangements for homework remain unchanged in that work is due back in school on Wednesday mornings. Please take the time to look at the work that your child has completed before returning it to be marked, and to make sure that they are spending some time each work working on the words from the word list.



PE

Apple Class will continue to have timetabled PE lessons on Tuesdays, with their class teacher and school sports mentor, and on Thursdays with the coach from Club Energy. There has been a recent spate of pupils forgetting their kit or not having all that they need within their PE bags. The expectation is that all pupils will have: shorts, a school PE top, joggers and correctly fitting trainers. Many pupils are currently not equipped with shorts, preferring to wear joggers, but this cannot continue as the weather improves. Failure to have the correct clothing for PE lessons may result in pupils not being able to take part and they will have to 'move down' on the class behaviour chart.



Contact

If you have any queries or concerns, you can email me directly at the following address:

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However, please be aware that I may not pick up messages until later in the day or even after school. I will always endeavour to reply within 3 working days or seek you out on the playground at the end of school. Obviously, messages about absence or changes in collection should be sent straight to the school office, if you are unable to speak to me at the start of the day.

Summer Weather

When the weather is fine, it is essential that children have a hat and sunscreen in school every day. Sunscreen should be applied before school on sunny days and we will encourage children to reapply as necessary.

Important Dates

Apple Class Worship – 30th June

May Day Celebrations - Thursday 25th May

Prayer Space- 6th -8th June

SRE School Nurse Visit – Years Five and Six 13th June
(further details to follow)

Sports Day – 29th June

Upper School Production - 11th, 12th July

Class Changeover Day -19th July



Details of the Upper School production will follow later in the term.

Yours,

Miss Gascoigne