

We have thoroughly immersed ourselves in our volcano topic this week - exploring different types of rock, layers of the world and the types of volcanoes within the 'Ring of Fire'. We are beginning to explore what it would have been like to live in Pompeii in AD79, when Vesuvius erupted. Our volcanoes are looking stunning, although we would be very grateful for any donations of old newspapers to help us finish these next week. There may be some seismic activity before the end of term. In maths, we have worked on multiplication and division and the relationship between them. It is a great help if the children know their times tables so please do encourage them to learn these at home.

The Year 4 children took part in a marvellous reading roundabout session on Wednesday. The Schools' Library Adviser brought in a range of books of different genres and encouraged the children to explore what they liked about books and to try something new.

Homework

Children will be bringing home their spellings for this week and the comprehension task has a science theme.

Swimming Lessons

The children are doing brilliantly with only 2 more weeks to go. Don't forget your kit next week.

Book Fair and Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who visited our book fair, with your help we will receive £602 of our takings to spend on Scholastics books for the Book Barn (library) and the class book corners. Thank you for your tremendous support; we hope you enjoy your books. Well done to William Ph who won the years 3 & 4 Extreme Reading Challenge and enjoyed spending his £5 voucher at the book fair.

Friends of Orchard Vale - Family Bingo Night - Friday, 16th March

You are invited to join the Friends of Orchard Vale for a family bingo tonight. Doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down 6.45pm. Lots of cash prizes to be won, Easter treats and hamper prizes including a raffle. Refreshments available throughout the night.

Heatree Residential - Parent/Child briefing evening - Tuesday, 20th March

We will be holding a parent/child briefing evening at 3.30pm in Miss Gulliford's class to run through arrangements for the residential in April. This meeting should take no longer than half an hour. If you are unable to attend we will send the information home later in the week.

Dr Bike Visit - Free Safety Check and minor repairs - Monday, 26th April

A bike specialist from Carb Bikes and Sustrans will visit us to provide free bicycle safety checks and minor repairs. If you would like to book a place for your child and their bike please contact Mrs Manley.

Easter Bonnet and cake competition - Wednesday, 28th March

We will be holding our annual Easter bonnet competition on 28th March. It would be lovely to see some stunning creations in the line-up as the children parade around the school. Bring your bonnets to the school hall on the morning of 28th March to enter into the competition. Lots of lovely prizes to be won. Get creative, or even follow our eco-friendly ethos and make something from recycled materials.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Three'.

Diary Dates

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 news of school events www.ovschool.co.uk.

Thur, 29th March - Last day

Fri, 30th March to Fri, 13th April - Easter holidays.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Grimwood Mr Luttman Mr Huggins