



## SKEGNESS JUNIOR ACADEMY

**Year 6 NEWSLETTER Term 4 2019**



Welcome to term 4! This term we will be focusing on developing our Geographical knowledge by exploring natural disasters that occur on Earth. We will be investigating the impact they have on people. We will also study famous volcanoes and end the term by creating our own working volcano!

### Topic:

In PE/Dance we will be performing a volcano inspired dance using the song 'Pompeii by Bastille', which we will also be exploring in English. In Art, we will be creating our own perspective drawings of natural disasters and we will make our own working volcano. Within Science we will be exploring living things which are located around volcanos during and after an explosion. We will be completing lots of experiments to investigate the impacts of these on the environment!

### Homework:

As usual children will be expected to read a minimum of three times a week and complete weekly Maths, Spelling and Reading SAT's Buster homework. These all must be returned every Friday. Children should be encouraged to read our recommended texts, which are listed in our English section below.

### PE Days:

This term PE will be Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that children have PE kits in school. Swimming will also continue for group 2 (who went in Term 3) on Thursday mornings.

### Reminders:

Just a reminder that children can access: Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Spellodrome and Times Tables Rockstars at home to develop their independent learning. Children can also produce their own creative project around volcanoes and other natural disasters and bring them into class to share with the year group!

### English:

We will be studying: The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien, Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick, Escaping the giant wave by Peg Kehret, Nation by Terry Pratchett, Running wild by Michael Morpurgo and Survivors by David Long. We will be using our knowledge gained from being history and geography detectives to write non-fiction explanation texts, poetry and our own narratives depicting the scenes during Pompeii. We will also be using the virtual reality headsets to visit an exploding volcano to inspire our writing! Furthermore, we will continue to develop our knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation in preparation for our SAT's in May.

## OUR TOPIC THIS TERM -VOLCANOES!

### Maths:

We will be consolidating the four operations in a problem solving context involving multiple steps. This will develop our resilience when problem solving in our SATs in May. We will also be exploring shape, co-ordinates and algebra in greater detail to help us solve a range of natural disaster challenge games!

