



Lower Junior's Newsletter

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 8th April

Topic

This term's topic is '**Active Planet**' We will be learning all about this exciting topic in geography over the term.

The children will learn about:

- Plate tectonics
- Volcanoes
- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Other natural disasters

Please take time to share and discuss the **Knowledge Organisers** we have added to Google Drive with your child.



Spellings

This term's spellings have a new format.

The children will be required to learn 5 words from the year 3/4 curriculum and 5 personalised spellings.

Personalised spellings will be written in your child's reading challenge throughout the week and tested the following week on a Friday.

Please see your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

Reading

Thank you for all your support with reading at home. We hope that the children are enjoying the new Lower Junior banded books.

Please can we ask that you make sure that your child has an up to date and signed Reading Challenge in school every Friday.



Online Learning

Just a reminder that your child has access to the following online resources to support their learning outside of school:

- Century (Maths and SPaG)
- Oxford Reading Buddy (Reading)
- Time Table Rock Stars (Maths)



Home Learning

Reading

Please ensure your child reads at least **4 times a week** and that this is recorded in their Reading Challenge booklet so they can earn points and be celebrated each half term. Remember that they can also use Oxford Reading Buddy to explore books. Do not forget that your child can also earn bonus points - details of these are inside their Reading Challenges.

Spelling

Please support your child in learning their weekly spellings. The children will be tested every Friday in their books. This will enable you to see any mistakes that the children have made.

Times tables

Children need to be learning their times tables at home. This can be done through Times Table Rockstars. Please see your child's teacher if your child is unable to log in.

Additional Homework

Each week the children will have either a paper reading comprehension and a SPaG task to complete on Century, or a maths task and a SPAG task both on Century - their first piece of homework for this term was set on Monday 10th January.



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