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Swans Newsletter - Autumn Term 2, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term in Swans with plenty of exciting things to enjoy as we head towards Christmas.

This half term the 3 week blocks that I will teach are on **Geography** and **Music**. In **Geography** our topic is called 'Angry Earth' and is all about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will become experts on how volcanoes are formed, the different types of volcano, the vocabulary we can use to describe their different parts and the layers of the Earth. We will evaluate whether living near a volcano can sometimes be a good thing for people and will imagine what it is like to experience a huge eruption. We see how earthquakes are measured, how to survive one and find out what is meant by the 'Ring of Fire'.

In **Music** we will be doing a range of activities based around the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

In **Maths** we will be building the children's confidence with fractions and look at units of measurement, both metric and Imperial. Support from home would be greatly appreciated with times tables, using Hit the Button or the BBC Supermovers songs.

In **English** we will write a narrative based on the eruption of the super-volcano Krakatoa in 1883, concentrating on ways to describe emotions and build drama in a piece of writing. The children will then write an explanation of how a volcano erupts and produce posters to show off their writing and Geographical knowledge.

Our **Guided Reading** will explore various fiction and non-fiction texts and we will continue reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a class book. A reminder that children are expected to read at home daily, for around 20 minutes, **recording this in their Planners**, and parents should please **sign once a week** to confirm this. I would really appreciate your support with reinforcing this most beneficial habit - which helps with so many aspects of our learning. Happy reading.

Our **P.E.** lessons will be on Wednesday this half term, with extra lunchtime PE on Wednesday and Friday, so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on these days. There will be 2 sets of **Home Learning** each week. Maths will go out on Tuesday and needs to be back in on Friday; English/Topic will go out on Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. **Spellings** will go out on Friday and be tested the following week.

Forest Schools will continue on Thursday afternoons and it has been great to see the children enjoying the freedom and time in the outdoors allowed by these sessions. **Early Birds Booster** sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am in the weeks of 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp

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