



Alexandra Park Junior School

Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter

Our topic this half term is about volcanoes. We will be learning about them in geography. To support this, we will have a visit from Prime VR, who will do workshops with each class using virtual reality headsets to experience getting up close to volcanoes around the world. We will be reading *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit and a selection of non-fiction texts and newspapers and biographies to support our writing of a news article, an adventure story and a biography. We will be designing and making flood proof houses in design technology. In maths, we will be covering a range of objectives, including solving problems using algebra, converting between fractions, decimals and percentages, solving problems related to area, volume and perimeter and drawing and interpreting different types of graphs in our statistics unit.

PE days:

Class 10- Tuesday and Wednesday.
Class 11- Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 12- Tuesday and swimming on Thursday.
The school P.E. kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings and black pumps. Trainers and black jogging pants can be worn in cold weather.. Please ensure your child has the correct kit on those days.

Other important dates

VR Experience - 10th January
Choral speaking competition - 23rd January
Number day- 6th February
Safer Internet Day - 13th February

School Funds:

We are requesting a school fund contribution of £10 per child per term. This will pay for all educational trips and visitors to school. If there are any additional costs the school will subsidise these (with the exception of the pantomime). Without your generous contributions we may not be able to offer all of the fantastic experiences that we hope to throughout the year. We offer our heartfelt thanks for this and hope you continue to help us enrich your child's learning.

Homework:

Children need to learn their spellings and timetables every day at home. They also need to read their reading book at home everyday, and we request that after reading with your child, you log this on Boom Reader. There will also be weekly homework on SPAG.com.

As a school we pay for subscriptions to TT Rockstars, Letterjoin, Spelling Shed and SPAG.com. Please encourage your child to use these valuable learning resources at home.