



Mandeville Primary School  
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# Swallows

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Dear Parents,

Firstly we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and that the children have now returned to school after a much deserved rest, full of energy and ready to learn!

In the last weeks of the Autumn term we enjoyed 'Decorating Day' when we decorated our classroom with snowflakes, angels, lanterns and made fantastic fabric doves using our great sewing skills. Thanks to Tatiana's Mum for popping in and helping to thread needles!

We also finished our topic '**We made a difference**' in which we researched famous people from the past and present and created a lovely display of Picasso paintings based on his 'Child with a dove.'

## Our new topic is 'The Active Planet'



In Geography we will be learning:

- How places and people have been affected by earthquakes and volcanoes
- About countries where earthquakes occur
- How to use maps and other resources to locate different places
- How to use geographical language

In Science we will be

- Learning about rocks and soils and changes that occur to solids, liquids and gases
- Carrying out simple investigations

In RE we will be learning

- About some of the stories Jesus told from the Bible and their meaning.

In Music we will be

- Creating our own compositions about volcanic eruptions
- Responding to different pieces of music
- Focussing on rhythm

In ICT we will be learning how

- To create a branching database about earthquakes or volcanoes
- To use and create instructions using ICT
- People use chat facilities on the internet with care

In DT we will be

- Creating model volcanoes using a range of materials

This term all children will have Literacy and Numeracy targets to aim for. Literacy targets are in their books and they constantly use them in class. The Numeracy targets are below.

I can add together 1 digit numbers in my head. I can subtract a 1 digit number from another number up to 10. e.g. $4 = 5$ $9 - 4$
I can add a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number in my head. I can add a multiple of 10 to any 2 digit number in my head. e.g. $27 = 5$ $67 + 20$
I can add and subtract mentally a range of 1 digit and 2 digit numbers. $36 + 19$ $63 - 26$ I can subtract a 3 digit number from another 3 digit number using written methods $234 - 126$

Don't forget -

- PE lessons this half-term are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**.
- Reading books are changed by the children.
- Homework will come home in their Homework Book on Mondays and must be in by Friday. Spellings will be given on Friday to be learnt by the following Friday.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Cooper ☺

