



Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Useful dates

Spring 1

5/1/26 – Training Day

10/2/26 – Y6 to see Oliver at HGS

13/2/26 – School closes for half term (3:30pm)

Spring 2

23/2/26 – school reopens

6/3/26 – World Book Day

16/3/26 – Y5/6 workshare for parents (3:30pm)

17/3/26 and 19/3/26 – Parental consultation meetings

23/3/26 – SATS information meeting for Y6 parents (3:30pm)

27/3/26 – School closes for Easter (2:30pm)

Overview of the topic

This is a Geography-based unit starting with a focus on volcanoes and moving onto earthquakes after half term. We begin with finding out about the structure of the earth, tectonic plates and how the earth has changed over millions of years. We will then use our geographical skills to help us locate significant volcanoes and use 4 and 6 figure grid references. We will also look at some human geography around what it is like to live near a volcano.

In English we will write exciting disaster and survival stories based around a volcanic eruption and also some non-fiction information texts. We will also write instruction leaflets for how to prepare for an earthquake.

In Art we will be looking carefully at colours, tones, shades and tints and practising our colour mixing skills with paint.

PE is on either a Thursday afternoon or a Friday morning. It alternates each half term.

January – February half term: Thursday - Mr Roberts/Mrs Sykes's class and Mrs Smith's class.
Friday – Mrs Brooke and Mrs Howes's classes.

February half term- Easter: Thursday - Mrs Brooke and Mrs Howes's classes. Friday – Mr Roberts/Mrs Sykes's class and Mrs Smith's class.

If you need to contact any of the Y5/6 teaching team, please send an email to:

Year5_6@wes.rklt.co.uk

Staff in Y5/6



Teaching
staff
Mrs Brooke
Mrs Howes
Mrs Smith
Mrs Sykes
Mr Roberts



Additional staff

Mrs Reilly (French and pupil support)
Mr Sherwood (P.E.)



Support staff

Mrs Tilson
Mrs Barton
Mrs Read-Rowlands

