## Dear Parents/Carers of Thunberg and Attenborough Class,

This half-term, we will focus our Geography topic on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will explore the structure of the Earth and discuss what impact that has on the location of frequent earthquakes and the placement of volcanoes. We will also look at how lives are impacted by volcanoes and earthquakes and whether there are any benefits to living in an area of frequent tectonic activity.



**In English**, our new class book is 'Fortunately the Milk' by Neil Gaiman. We will explore how writers use language to describe a villain in a story and will write our own villain descriptions in a witness statement. We will also look at the structure and language features of a report and we will use this to write our own police reports based on our class text.

Fortunately, the Milk....

**In Maths**, we will be focusing on column addition and subtraction, finding the area of shapes as well as spending time learning, practising and consolidating our times tables up to 12. Please continue to practise these at home. Sumdog has great games children can play to help them remember their times tables.

**In Science**, we will continue learning about states of matter. The children will ask questions, make predictions, note down observations, and carry out fair tests to explore how materials change when they are heated and cooled and which of these changes are reversible and which are irreversible. We will also look at the water cycle.

## Wider Curriculum:

- **In Spanish**, we will be revising old and learning new vocabulary in order to talk about ourselves, our likes and dislikes, and be able to tell how old we are.
- In RE, our topic is Judaism Festivals in Jewish life. We will be exploring Succot, Passover and Hannukah and answering questions about what these festivals show about the Jews' relationship with God.
- In Music, Thunberg class will be continuing their unit on Mamma Mia by Abba. This half term they will focus on creating their own rhythms and will play non-tuned percussion instruments as well as Glockenspiels. Attenborough class will continue to learn how to play the ukulele.
- **ICT** this half term will be creating media. In this unit, children will be creating audio and going through the process of editing this audio. They will explore podcasts and create their own short episode to edit.
- **Art** Children will have the opportunity to explore pattern and develop a range of technical skills and knowledge through drawing and collage.

If you have any questions, please do email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk Miss Blackie, Miss Tothova, Mrs Ayeni and Miss Turton

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Attenborough: Tuesday and Wednesday

Cricket and Salsa will be our units this half term.

Please ensure children wear appropriate sportswear on these days, including trainers.



Please ensure your child has a book that they are reading for their own enjoyment. This may be borrowed from the classroom. We expect your child to read for 30 minutes a day.

Each week, children can complete an English and a Maths based piece of learning which will be put on ItsLearning every Friday. They can also take part in completing a project that will run for the whole half term on a different topic.

This will start next week.