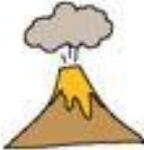


Subject	Focus
<p>English</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided reading sessions with an increasing emphasis on written response • Discrete grammar lessons • Using the title 'There's Wizard in my potting shed', the children are exploring ways to develop character through the use of grammatical structures and dialogue.
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Mental arithmetic: There will be an increasing emphasis on mental methods of calculation this term. Children will be encouraged to find quick ways to answer questions and shown how to use jottings and notes to support mental calculation.</p> <p>The children are currently working on a unit of algebra. This involves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding all possibilities for missing values • Understanding simple algebraic notation • Using algebra to describe number sequences
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>The children have been using laptops and internet to produce leaflets to advertise the geography of a region of Iceland and to show the individual features of each region.</p> <p>We are also exploring the island of Hiemaey, which is located off the south coast of the mainland. The island gives the children the opportunity to learn about how a small community was affected by a volcanic eruption and to consider both the human and physical impact of this. We will also be looking more closely at how volcanoes are formed and what happens during an eruption.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>6E's class assembly is on Friday 15th February at 9.15am – parents are invited to attend.</p> <p>In the week beginning Monday 11th February, we will be using past maths and English SATs papers to assess the children. The main reason for these assessments is so that we can plan focussed units of work moving forward that really target any areas of weakness and gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>It is also useful for the children to experience test conditions and to become familiar with the format of the test papers. We will be emphasising this to the children and hope they are not worried by the tests but do please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spellings continue as before • We will continue to set written homework each week on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Maths homework is now a sample arithmetic test based on the year 6 SATs tests. We are encouraging the children to do this independently and to time themselves – there are 18 questions and the children should aim to do as many as possible in 15 minutes but they can take more time after this to complete the test if necessary