



# Humanities Week at Moorlands



May 2019



**The whole school enjoyed taking part in a special humanities themed week this week, doing lots of history and geography work linked to our topics.**

**The theme for this term is natural disasters.**

**Year 3** have been learning about volcanoes. They have looked at different types, their features and how they affect the environment around them. In addition, children have created pieces of writing based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. They have tried to imagine the thoughts and feelings of the characters and created their own recount of the tragic event. Furthermore, children have been using chrome books to research the locations of volcanoes around the world and marking them on their world maps. They have also been developing their mapping skills through orienteering and compass work.

**WN** have had a busy humanities week and have learnt a lot about our local area and the water cycle. We have become expert map readers and can even draw our own. We successfully navigated our way to Sale Moor via our chosen,

winding route and saw parts of Sale that we have never seen! We've learnt about different types of land use and have developed our understanding of symbols, both on a map and on road signs. When learning about the water cycle, we have created our own large scale diagram and have learnt lots of new technical vocabulary. We can label the different parts of a river system and understand how rivers are formed and how erosion impacts their formation.

**Year 4** have been looking at local geography. At the beginning of the week we looked at countries and counties in the UK.

We also looked at the physical features such as rivers and mountains before focusing on the River Mersey. On Wednesday we made a 3D water cycle, the children worked in pairs and designed their models creatively. We also learnt how to use a compass for direction.

On Thursday we gave the children a real life experience by going to the River Mersey to look at the physical features.







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**Year 5** have been exploring the wonder of Rainforests, Brazil and South America. At the beginning of the week we drew our own world map and discussed different continents and countries before focussing on South America. We have learnt about many of the natural and human geographic areas of South America. We then looked at the Amazon Rainforest, learnt about the river, the layers of the rainforest and deforestation. Year 5 have also been learning Samba dance moves and learnt how to play Brazilian music.

This week, in **year 6**, we have been learning about natural disasters, how they evolve, the impact they create and where in the world they happen. Our mapping skills have been focusing on; North America and the South Pacific. Children have learnt about how volcanoes erupt and the role the tectonic plates play in causing earthquakes and tsunamis. Following this, children then created their own maps of the

areas where they occur.

Leading into our earthquake learning, children learnt the theory behind how they happen and began creating earthquake proof structures.

Children have been inspired by their learning about natural disasters and have written a story linked to a disaster of their choice.

Overall, the children have worked really hard, engaged with the topic and discovered lots of new information. They have shown creative skills making their structures and collaboration skills when working within a team. Furthermore, their knowledge of maps has been deepened.

Well done to everyone in Year 6 it's been another fabulous humanities week!

