



Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to begin by saying a big thank to the children for all of their hard work over the last term. Their positive attitude and motivation has been wonderful to see!

This half term our new topic will have a geography focus. The children will discover the ferocious world of different natural disasters and will be looking into non-fiction fact files. They will even get the opportunity to create their own model volcanoes!

- **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day**. Please read with your child or encourage your child to read independently if they prefer. We aim to change books weekly and now have a specific library time on a Wednesday afternoon. Due to the current guidelines, when a child returns a book to school, it will remain in a lidded box for a quarantine period of 72 hours before being put back into the library.
- Your child will come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. For both Year 3 classes this will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they do go out in all weathers (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt, trainers and socks). **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school.** We also have a company supporting called Junior Jam who are specialists focusing on broadening the children's knowledge in Computing, PE and Music.
- Forest School, and for both Year 3 classes, this will still take place on a Friday. Please ensure that your child brings in a change of footwear which is suitable for the forest school environment. They will also need a waterproof coat during the colder months.
- Please ensure that children can access their TEAMS page, TT Rockstars and Century at home. Weekly activities and challenges will be uploaded to their accounts based on current learning and completing these will vastly support their progress.

English

Recount

We will be writing a recount in the form of a diary. Children will be writing from the perspective of an earthquake victim.

Folk Tales

We will be looking at volcanic folklore and using techniques explored to create our own folk tales.

Poetry

The children will be developing on skills taught, creating calligram poetry of their own design. We will also be exploring and applying the use of haiku poetry.

Maths

Online Learning We will develop and engage with our online learning more extensively. Continuing to use Century and TT Rockstars to challenge pupils based on topic taught.	Money Convert pounds and pence Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both pounds and pence in practical contexts.	Statistics Estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute; record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours; use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight. Know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year.
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Grammar		The children will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conjunctions (time, place and cause) - Apostrophes - Adverbs - Paragraphs - Instructions to colons - Headings/subheadings
Science	Magnets and Forces	The children will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pushes and pulls. - Sorting magnetic materials. - Exploring strengths of magnets. - Magnetic poles.
RE	Creation Stories	The children will be making connections between what Christians believe about creation. They will also look into the ways that Christians/Muslims/Hindus describe God.
Geography		The children will describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including rivers. They will use fieldwork to observe and record, using a range of methods.
Computing	E Safety Week	The children will be learning about how to share work and stay safe online.
Art and DT		Pupils will have the chance to create their own Papier Mache volcanoes and seismometer. Pupils will use different techniques to create a background using a wash.

Things that you could do at home:

- Use your local library to find out about historical natural disasters.
- Practise making your own volcano at home!
- Practise using money at home and see if you can use addition and subtraction in your learning!

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

Maths

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8yv4wx>

Measurement, money

English

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2yycdm/articles/zgfhcjb>

Recount

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyttyrd>

Magnets and Forces

Mrs Linstead, Mr Hay, Miss Clarke, Mrs Turner, Miss Smalley & Mr Creece.
Year 3 Team