

Year 3

Spring 1



Welcome Back and a Happy New Year!

We are very excited for our topic this half term!

Earthquakes and volcanoes are fascinating forces of nature. Why not research famous earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, and plot the locations on a map? You could also hunt for rocks in your garden and sort them into groups by their appearance. Alternatively, you could build small structures from recycled materials and test them to see if they could withstand an earthquake!

Reminders

- **Listen to your child read daily and sign their diary.**
- Bring signed reading books into school every day.
- Label all your children's belongings – children to bring a drink of water – no fizzy pop, Prime or milkshakes please.
- All children need to have a coat in school every day.
- If children wear wellingtons to school, please bring their school shoes so they are comfortable in the classroom.



We encourage children to bring a healthy snack into school for breaktime.

NO NUTS OR FOOD CONTAINING NUTS.

Fresh fruit is not provided in KS2.

Key Dates

PE

Wednesday for BOTH classes

Please arrive in PE kit with earrings removed and long hair tied back for safety. Please note children need to wear grip socks or barefoot for dance for their safety.

Websites

Please ensure you have access to the below websites - personal login details have been shared, these are in the children's reading diaries.

Sumdog, Times Tables Rock Stars and Seesaw

English

Reading:

Our class guided reading text will continue to be *The Wild Way Home* by Sophie Kirtley. We will continue to develop a range of reading and comprehension skills throughout these sessions but the focus of most of our reading sessions will be vocabulary, inference and retrieval.

Writing:

This half term we will be focusing on writing a setting description and an informal letter. We will also be continuing to work on presentation and letter joins in handwriting.

Maths

This half term we will continue with representing 3-digit numbers, comparing and positioning on number lines. We will then be moving on to mass and capacity.

Key maths vocabulary

multiple, connection, same, different, difference, calculation, sum, amount, digit, 1- digit, 2-digit, 3-digit, place value, partitioned, part-whole, shared, bridging, forwards, backwards, mass, capacity, grams, kilograms, volume, millimetre, litres

Music

This half term the children will be looking at the song "Three Little Birds". Children will sing play, improvise and compose with this song.

Physical Education – Dance

We will be creating actions in response to a stimulus and move in unison with a partner. We will also learn to remember, repeat and create actions to represent an idea.

PSHE & RE

This half term the children will be looking at the topic *Miracles*. We are learning to explain how Christians may describe and explain Jesus' miracles.

In PSHE, our topic is 'Celebrating Differences'. This focuses on including others when working and playing, trying to solve problems and using kind words.

Geography

This half term the children will be completing the Stone Age project. We will then be looking at the topic "Natural Disasters". Our key question for this topic will be "What are Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis and their effects?"

Art

Children will be developing shading skills and drawing techniques to create botanical inspired digital drawings.

Computing

This half term the children will be looking at the topic "Computing systems and networks".

MFL

Playground games, numbers and ages will allow Year Three to develop their spoken French language.

Science

Our topic in Science is 'Rocks'. We will be learning about the different types of rocks including man-made and natural: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. We will also be learning how fossils are formed, how soil is formed and the different types of soil.

