



# Year 3

## Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What happens when the Earth shakes? In this project, we'll find out about the dangerous world of natural disasters and their deadly effects. This half term we'll gather rock samples, find out about different types of rocks and sort them according to their properties. By carrying out research, we'll investigate the Earth's layers and the location of volcanoes, discovering what causes them to erupt. Working as archaeologists, we'll locate Mount Vesuvius on a map and find out what it was like to live in Pompeii during the eruption.



Help your child prepare for their project by looking at the fact that 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!

Watch out though, it's going to blow!

## Home Learning

Home learning in Year 3 will consist of a combination of reading, reading comprehension, spelling and grammar, maths and Topic.

Home learning includes:

Reading for 20mins each night and set reading comprehension per week

Maths: 5 Mathematics tasks per week

Spelling: Up to 10 words to be practised and learnt for dictation assessment per week; SPAG tasks per week

Tremors home learning task to be handed in by Tuesday, June 04.

Home learning will be given out on a Monday and will be monitored for completion the following Monday.

Home learning will be both marked by the teacher and the students as the process of answering some of the KS2-type questions is what will be the focus of the learning. Tasks marked collaboratively will be completed the week after the home learning has been handed in.

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### Maths & English

This half term will include the study of the following areas:

#### Maths:

- Number: fractions
  - equivalent fractions
  - comparing fractions, ordering fractions
  - adding fractions, subtracting fractions
- Measurement: Time
  - months and years, hours in a day
  - telling time to 5 minutes and the nearest minute
  - AM and PM
  - 24-hour clock
  - finding duration, comparing duration
  - finding start and end times
  - measuring time in seconds

#### English:

*Escape From Pompeii* by Christina Balit.

Narratives – historical fiction; newspaper reports; descriptive writing.

### Class Novel

Due to the extension of the previous class novel, Year 3 will be collectively reading:



### R.E. & P.E.

#### R.E.:

Why do Hindus believe Brahmen is everywhere and everything?

#### P.E.:

Thursdays: Wear P.E. kit to school.

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### Getting in touch

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions by making an appointment through the office.

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