



We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are excited about a brand new year of learning. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 3. As a team in Year 3, we are really looking forward to our fantastic year ahead! We are particularly excited about our first topic, volcanoes!

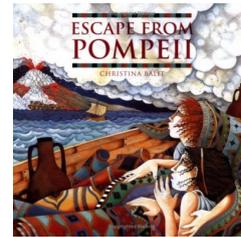
Project

This half term we are going to be looking at volcanoes, specifically Pompeii, and the science behind them. We will be identifying features of volcanoes and thinking about how they effect people's lives today. We can't wait to make our own volcanoes and watch them erupt, bringing our learning to life and linking what we have learned in Science also!



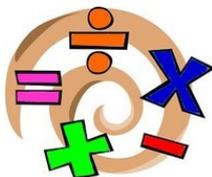
Literacy

Our Literacy learning will link to our Project, where the children will be exploring our key text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. This introduces the children to a Roman child's perspective of their experience of Mount Vesuvius' eruption. From here the children will discover more about a Roman's life in Pompeii before the eruption and what happened to the landscape after the eruption.



Mathematics

This half term the children will be focusing on the development of a variety of concepts. We will be looking into place value. They will be exploring both pictorial and written representations of numbers. We will also be looking at multiplication and division. The children are going to be exploring these concepts in practical and real life situations so that they can see the importance of why they need to know about it. We are also going to begin using our Maths 'IProve It' books so the children have a chance to be proud of the new skills they are learning.



P.E.

This term we will be taking part in Forest Schools (run by Miss Smith) and are fortunate enough to have the funding for PE lessons taught by Premier Sport. Miss Flynn's class will have Forest Schools on a Wednesday and Premier Sport on a Thursday. Miss Dean's class will have Forest Schools on a Monday and Premier Sport on a Friday. It is very important that your child has their full PE kit (including trainers) during these days.



Home learning challenges

Last year we introduced home learning challenges and were delighted with the number of children who took part and the quality and creativity of their work. After parental feedback we have decided to continue this this year. This will be given out on Monday 12th September.

Below are the details for Summer 1's Learning Challenge. Help make it the most successful yet. By taking part

Poem: Mr R's Volcano

Art Work: Volcano by Nick Rowland

Person: Pliny the Younger

Music: "VOLCANOES" (Music by Dimitris Karatzas) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2Yf4+p8wuQI>

Reading at home and KIRF's (Key Instant Recall Facts)

Reading at home is really important in supporting your child's reading development in school. Ideally, you should be reading with your child at least 5 times a week, this need only be for 5 to 10 minutes. To help motivate your child to read regularly at home, we will be running reading competitions in class and across the school.



As well as reading at home, it is important to keep practising key mathematical skills. We will soon begin sending home KIRF practise sheets. These will provide handy tips and clear guidance in aiming to recall maths facts instantly. Please look out for a letter shortly that will be providing more information and guidance with how to use them.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 15th September: Cake and Curriculum Parents Meeting 3.30-4.30.
- Home Learning: Monday 12th September 2016, we thank you in advance for your support with this.
- 11th and 13th October –Parent's Evening

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Flynn and Miss Dean