



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, we are really looking forward to the year ahead! We are particularly excited about our first topic, volcanoes.

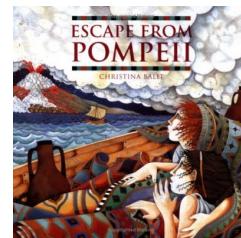
Project

This half term we are going to be studying volcanoes, specifically Pompeii, and the science behind them. We will be identifying features of volcanoes and thinking about how they effect peoples lives today. We will be making our own models and watching them erupt.



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 place value and addition and subtraction. They will be exploring both pictorial and written representations of numbers. We will continue to use concrete apparatus daily to support the children and also begin to use some formal written methods. The children are also going to be exploring these concepts in practical and real life situations so that they can see how maths will help them in their daily lives. We are also going to begin using our Maths 'Prove It' books so the children record their new skills.



P.E.

This term we will be taking part in Forest Schools (run by Miss Smith) and will have indoor PE lessons taught by Miss. Parish and Miss. Dean. Miss. Parish's class will have Forest Schools on a Monday and inside PE on a Wednesday. Miss Dean's class will have Forest Schools on a Tuesday and inside PE on a Thursday. It is very important that your child has their full PE kit (including trainers) during these days.

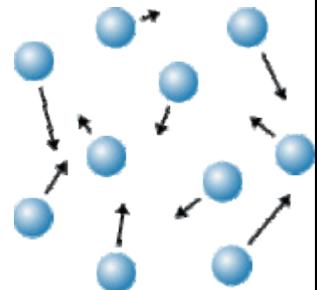


Home learning challenges

Last term we were very impressed by the standard of home learning challenges that children created. This half term's home learning will be based around our topic '50 years of Milton Keynes'. We will be sending a new piece of art work, poem, song and significant person home to learn about. Again these tasks will be optional. However, KIRFs will be sent out with the new homework and these along with spellings should be practised weekly along with reading at home daily.

Science

Over the coming weeks we will be learning all about chemistry., in particular, different chemical reactions and chemical change. We will be continuing to use our Empiribox lessons which focus on practical activities and experiments in the classroom that really bring the science to life. The children will have the opportunity to experiment with green fire and dissect nappies to investigate how liquids can be absorbed and change state.



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

The children will be receiving new KIRFs during the first week back which have daily guidance on how to practise the skills. Our reading prizes this term will be an extra playtime for the year group with the most tickets, as well as an invitation to a party with Miss. Panziarka. Get reading each week as the more tickets you earn the more likely your name is to be drawn from the Raffle! Remember to earn your golden tickets you need to read once over the weekend and Mon -Thurs in order to be eligible for a golden ticket.



Dates for your diary

- Home Learning on the website: Monday 4th September 2016, we thank you in advance for your support with this.
- End of term: 20th October

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