

Year 3 Newsletter

Term 5 - Rumbling Rocks

Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful Easter break. This term our topic is Rumbling Rocks. We will be learning about rocks and soils in Science. In Geography we will be locating countries and continents on a world map and identifying human and physical characteristics, including volcanos and earthquakes.



English

We have spent the first week back writing shape poems and considering how the use of adventurous vocabulary engages the reader. Next week we will be starting the book "The Pebble in my Pocket" by Meredith Hooper. We will explore the text, using it as inspiration for descriptive writing, story writing and a diary entry. We will then demonstrate what we have learnt in Science and Geography by writing an information text. Handwriting, spelling and grammar will be practiced daily and applied to our pieces of writing.

Maths

We will start this term by interpreting and presenting data in various ways. We will then focus on addition and subtraction and learn various methods to help us to calculate the answers. After this, we will focus on measuring in centimetres, millimetres and measuring and comparing various lengths. After that, we will further build on our knowledge and understanding of length and use this to help us calculate the perimeter of shapes. Rockstars times tables practice will continue daily, focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

This term we will be learning about rocks and soils in Science. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple properties. We will describe how fossils are formed and understand how soils are made. We will carry out a volcano experiment and observe a reaction taking place.

PE

This term Crimson will continue to go swimming every Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child has the correct swimming kit or they will not be allowed to swim. This is a swimming costume (swimsuits for girls, trunks/swimming shorts for boys), a hat, a towel and goggles (optional).

We will also be developing our cricket skills this term on a **Tuesday** afternoon.

Topic

Our main topic focus this term is Geography. We will be locating sites of frequent volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, and considering the reasons for these locations. We'll also learn about changes under the earth's surface and how they can cause natural disasters, as well as the ways in which people try to protect themselves from the damage that earthquakes can cause.

In Art this term we will be developing our drawing skills by trying out some different techniques and creating a still life drawing in the style of a professional artist. We will also be learning about the artist Vincent Van Gough and using different mediums to replicate his painting of the sunflower.

In Computing this term we will be learning to film our own animations, using the program I Can Animate to create animations inspired by our topic Rumbling Rocks.

Our RE topic this term is Buddhism. We will be finding out all about Buddha and his teachings, including how to deal with challenges and suffering, and the importance of meditation and enlightenment.

Home learning

Homework will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and handwriting each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that your child is practicing their times tables at home as these form the foundation of much of the Maths work we are doing in class.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our visitor was the rainforest man who taught us about lots of different types of skeletons.

In Term 2 we took part in a skipping and circus workshop and had a visit from the police.

In Term 3, we had a Viking workshop. We took part in lots of fun and educational activities which taught us about various aspects of Viking life.

In Term 4, we had a visit from the Junk orchestra and it highlighted the importance of recycling. As the instruments were made out of various recyclable materials it showed the children what can be made out of them.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

Lisa Andrews (Crimson Class) and Emma Ahlas (Scarlet Class).

