

# 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 multiplication and division using our known facts and checking our answers using the inverse operation. After this, we will be revisiting fractions; comparing and ordering fractions with the same denominator and recognising equivalent fractions. We will build on our understanding of length and use this to 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.

### 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.

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.

### PE

This term we 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 (one pieces for girls, trunks for boys), a hat, a towel and goggles (optional).

We will also be developing our cricket skills this term on a Tuesday afternoon. Children need to wear black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts and a plain white t-shirt. This needs to be separate to their school uniform and not worn underneath their uniform. Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.

### 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 spellings 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.

Please have a look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!

[www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk](http://www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk)

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

Abbey Makeham (Crimson Class) and Jack Park (Scarlet Class).

