

Year 3 Spring Term 2024 Newsletter

A very Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to another action packed term! A huge thank you for the generous gifts we received for Christmas, we are extremely grateful.

Our geography-based topic for the Spring Term is 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'.



We will be studying the human and physical impact of volcanoes and earthquakes by considering recent and historical events. We will be teaching the children about different natural disasters around the world and the countries in which they have occurred.

We always encourage the children to further their own learning so do consider visiting Horsley Library - a great resource right on our doorstep. If you have artefacts or books at home that we could use to support our topic, we would love to see them. Please make sure any item sent in to school is clearly named.

<u>RE</u>

This term we are studying Judaism. We will be looking at significant milestones and celebrations in Judaism. Also, we will be investigating their values.

Wow Day

On the 1st of February, dressed as scientists, we will be holding a Wow day

about volcanoes. We will create exploding volcanoes and study the historical eruption of Vesuvius at Pompeii.



In other curriculum areas we will be looking at:

English - non-chronological reports, poetry, adventure stories and persuasive writing.

Maths - mental and formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, statistics, shape and measure.

Science – magnets and their properties and light and shadows.

Computing - creating a game using the Scratch coding programme and considering the use of polls to gain an idea of opinion.

Design and Technology — we are using Microbit technology to create digital wearable technology.

Art - looking at famous artists and their different techniques and using a variety of medium to create texture and effect.

P.E. - performing a combination of gymnastic actions using floor, mats and apparatus in the form of a circuit. Our outdoor sessions will focus on increasing our understanding of the game of netball and developing skills for throwing and catching.

Homework

Please continue to hear your child read aloud at least 3 times a week and record this in their **reading diaries**. Children must have their reading record in school everyday. Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please write to explain if there is a reason why your child cannot complete the homework. Thank you for your support.

Important Dates

Trip to the Winchester Science Centre— Tuesday 16th January

Year 3 Topic Wow Day —Thursday 1st February

3 Larch Class Assembly—Friday 9th February

3 Birch Class Assembly —Friday 26th April

Thank you for supplying your children with well equipped pencil cases. Please continue to ensure they have the required supplies.