

Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1



Welcome back from your summer holidays! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready to work hard again. We have lots more exciting learning opportunities to explore this half term. Mr Karolia and Mrs Wray are so excited to start! We have so many exciting things coming up for Year 3.

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, Year 3 will be delving into *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit as we learn how to write fiction stories using descriptive language and dialogue. To help us with writing our news article, we will learn all about volcanoes. We will explore poetry writing as we discover more about Mount Vesuvius!

We will build a bank of new vocabulary and use fantastic similes in our writing. Children will explore how personification makes writing fun to read. We will begin to use onomatopoeia in our poetry and fiction writing.

Key vocabulary:

Figurative language, such as: similes, personification, and onomatopoeia.

Varied sentence openers, fronted adverbials, reported and direct speech, paragraphs and legible, joined handwriting.



Mathematics

Throughout Year 3, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
 - Fractions
 - Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term we will be recapping and learning the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Our learning will include: place value, adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers and 2-digit numbers, and adding and subtracting 100s. You can help your child succeed and increase their confidence by practicing with them at home.

Key vocabulary:

add altogether addition
subtraction sum difference



SCIENCE

In science, children will build on their knowledge and understanding of rocks, fossils and soil. They will name different types of rocks and learn how they are formed. Children will be able to explain the difference between types of rocks. We will learn about fossils, what they are and how they are formed. We will plan and carry out experiments to group the different types of rock.

Key vocabulary

Fair test conclusion prediction
rock pressure heat soil
erosion





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Ball skills and games.

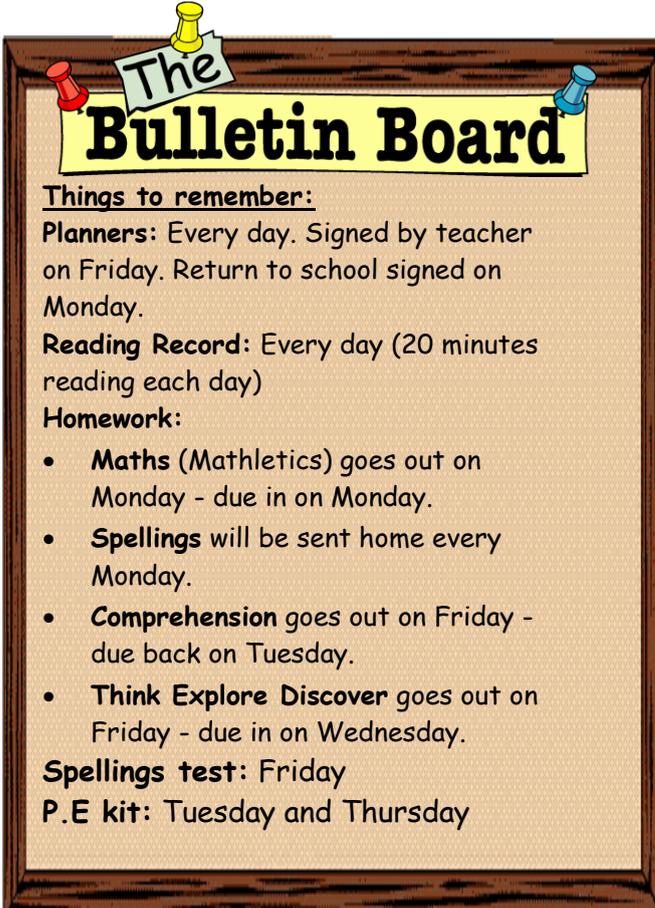
RE- Special celebrations including Diwali and Christmas.

PSHE - Empathy, debating, challenging decisions and opinions and exploring the beliefs of others.

Music - Pulse, rhythm and pitch.

Computing - Using the internet to research and explore places using Google Maps, coding and e-safety.

DT - We will be planning and making volcanoes.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Planners: Every day. Signed by teacher on Friday. Return to school signed on Monday.

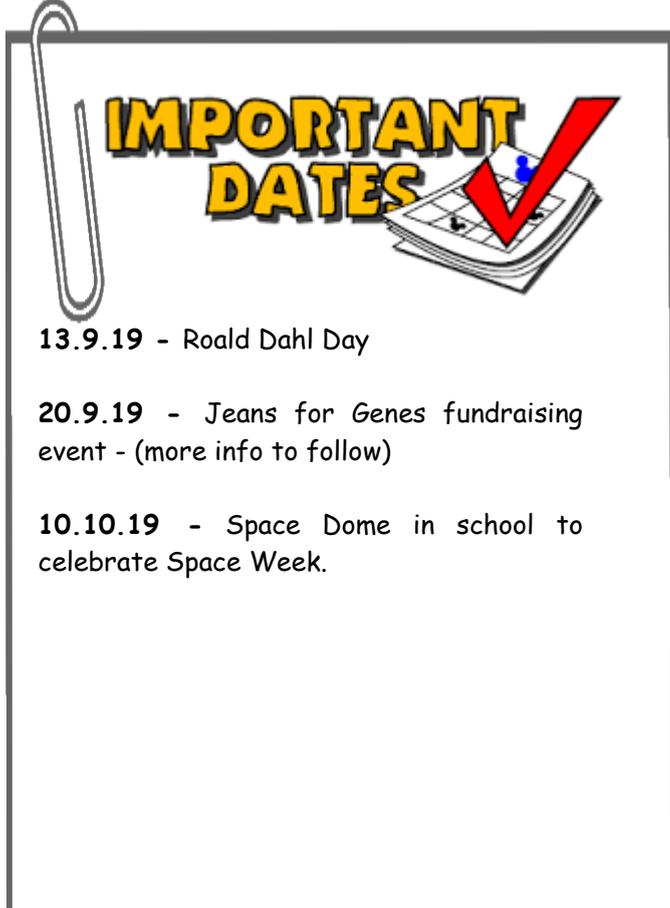
Reading Record: Every day (20 minutes reading each day)

Homework:

- **Maths** (Mathletics) goes out on Monday - due in on Monday.
- **Spellings** will be sent home every Monday.
- **Comprehension** goes out on Friday - due back on Tuesday.
- **Think Explore Discover** goes out on Friday - due in on Wednesday.

Spellings test: Friday

P.E kit: Tuesday and Thursday



IMPORTANT DATES

13.9.19 - Roald Dahl Day

20.9.19 - Jeans for Genes fundraising event - (more info to follow)

10.10.19 - Space Dome in school to celebrate Space Week.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link:

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



This half term, our topic is "Active Planet".

ACTIVE PLANET

Space week!

This term we will be celebrating the historic event of 50 years ago, when man walked on the moon. Children will learn about our solar system and the Milky way.

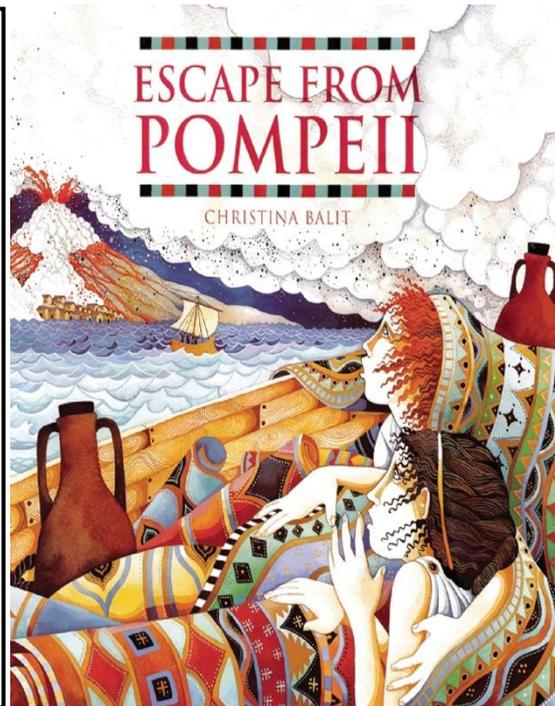


What was life like in Pompeii and how has it changed?

We will learn all about what life was like in 79AD. Discover Pompeii and how it was affected by the most famous eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which covered the city in volcanic ash.

Fun Facts:

Mount Vesuvius, a volcano near the Bay of Naples in Italy, has erupted more than 50 times.



What is the structure of the earth and how does it cause earthquakes?

Developing and broadening our map skills, research skills and computer skills, we will discover where we find tectonic plates. Use maps and globes to locate countries which have volcanoes and earthquakes. Learn about the key aspects of volcanoes and earthquakes.

How can I create my own replica volcano?

We will research volcanoes and use this research to design a realistic 3D model of a volcano, make it and evaluate it. Throughout the term we will find out facts about our active planet.

