

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 been working hard on assessing, so that after such a long absence from school, we can tailor our curriculum to fill any gaps. That being said, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities to explore this half term. Mr Watkins 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 instructions, we will learn all about how instructions help us achieve an end result, we will focus on volcanoes and how to escape an eruption. 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.

You can also help us my reading with your child daily. It is important to stop them regularly, to check their understanding. You can do this by asking questions like: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do they know? Look at the layout of each page and how photos/diagrams in the text are used and ask your child questions about these aspects. Ask your child to really explain their answers using a 'because', if necessary.

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
erosion		soil



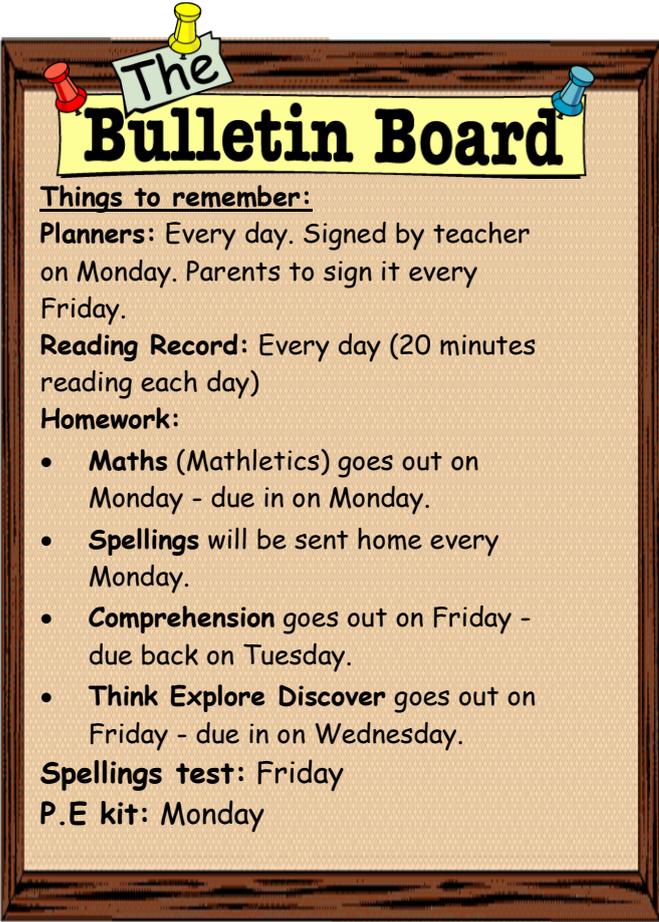
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Ball skills and athletic games.

PSHE - Here We Are: We will explore our world today in light of Covid-19 and how the pandemic has changed our lives

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

Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make-up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. Dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Planners: Every day. Signed by teacher on Monday. Parents to sign it every Friday.

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: Monday



IMPORTANT DATES

18.9.20 - Jeans for Genes fundraising event.

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

Literacy link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

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



This half term, our topic is "Rocks, Relics and Rumbles".

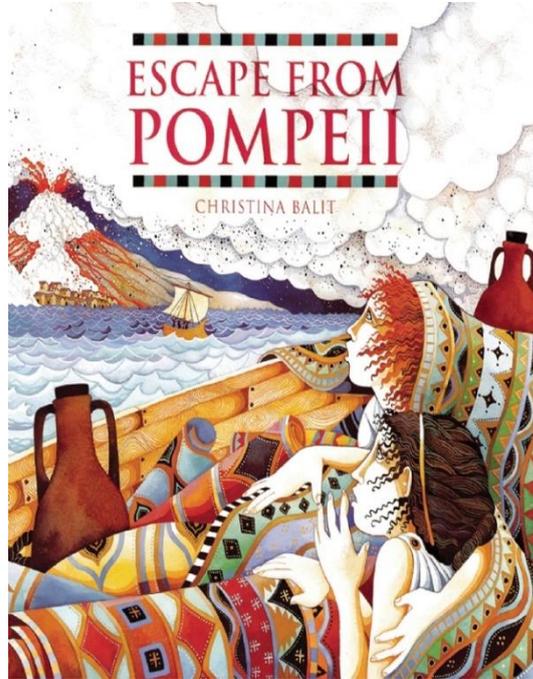
Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

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 causes 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.



What is the structure of the earth?

We are also going to looking at what the Earth is made of, the different layers and how they affect what we do on Earth by using globes, magnets, atlases and Google Earth.

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