



Spring 1 Half Term Information for Parents Year 3

Happy children aiming high.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a restful break and ready for the new term. This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

Themes: Spring 1 – Extreme Earth

Cross curricular links:

English: We will spend time researching different types of weather and natural disasters around the world and present our findings in a range of ways. We will write descriptively about places and events using photographs as a stimulus for our writing. We will write instructions on 'How to make a papier mache volcano' to support our work in DT. We will read the novel 'Earthquake' by Ruskin Bond and use this as a basis for creative writing.

DT: In DT we will make a paper mache volcano.

Art: In Art we will examine the work of the artist Hokusai, including 'The Great wave' and 'Fuji Mountains in Clear Weather'.

PE: In PE, children will develop dance work based around the theme of 'Wild Weather'. There may also be a chance to put together a gymnastic routine.

Maths: When problem solving in maths we will use Extreme Earth themes.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: Children will cover National Curriculum objectives for Year 3. This will include work on multiplication and division, money and data handling. We will continue to focus on times tables particularly with regards to the 2,5,10,3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science: We will look at Magnetism and the forces it produces. We will discuss the physical properties of magnets and how they are used in everyday life.

PSCHE: We will consider what it means to challenge ourselves and think of ways to achieve our goals and overcome obstacles.

RE: In RE, we will explore some of the stories about the miracles of Jesus.

ICT: Children will use ICT software to create sequences in programs to create simple animations. They will be encouraged to check their programs and change or 'debug' them where necessary.

PE: The children will have the opportunity to go swimming this half term. More details to follow!

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn. This includes having all the equipment they need for the day, such as PE kit, reading book and reading record.
- Practise core vocabulary words. Can your child read and spell them?
- Complete homework activities with your child.
- Share your child's school reading book with them, discussing characters, events and opinions. This is best done often and in short bursts.
- Practise mental maths including times tables. Discuss money, time and measures with real examples.
- Encourage your child to tell you what they have been learning about at school and where possible,

extend their learning at home, through books, outings, discussions and the internet.

- Please check your child's book bag frequently for letters and other information.
- If you have any interesting topic related artefacts that your child could share for a display or discussion, please bring them into school.

Homework

We will send home our topic based homework for children to choose from and look forward to receiving some more wonderful work for our class display. We will also remind the children about regular times table revision based upon the times table your child is currently learning.

Class Reminders

PE: Y3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure PE kits are in school on all school days to ensure it is available for any extra PE sessions. Children must always have sandshoes. Swimming will also start this term! More information to follow.