



Year 3 Spring Term Curriculum Overview.

16th January 2017

Dear Parent,

This half term our topic is called 'Tremors!' We will all become geographers and historians as we take a journey back in time and learn about the Pompeii disaster when Mount Vesuvius erupted. We will then learn the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, a myth set on the island of Crete. If that is not enough, we are looking at many different flags of the world, investigating volcanoes and earthquakes and even making our own volcano! Our P.E. lessons are back to Wednesday PM and Friday AM. In Literacy, we are writing a diary entry as Theseus from the myth and then writing a newspaper article like we were witnessing the disaster in Pompeii.

Curriculum coverage:

Numeracy

- ✓ **Mental Maths**
 - Revise 5x, 3x and 4x
 - Learn (4x) 6x and 8x.
 - Continue to practice mental arithmetic (all operations)
- ✓ **Number and Place Value**
 - Read, write, compare and order numbers correctly
 - Doubling and Halving
 - Column addition and subtraction
- ✓ **Geometry and Statistics**
 - Tell the time
 - Draw 2D shapes and make 3D shapes
 - To use and identify right angles
 - Identify horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines
 - Interpret bar charts and pictograms

Literacy

- ✓ **Punctuation**
 - Full stops consistently
 - Capital letters consistently for names and dates etc.
 - Question marks
 - Exclamation marks for effect
 - Commas to break sentences and in lists
- ✓ **Sentence structure**
 - Use a range of conjunctions.
 - Increase legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting.
 - Use dictionaries/thesauruses independently
 - Prepositions and openers for time and cause.
- ✓ **Text level**
 - Stories with familiar settings - The Diary of a Killer cat.
 - Newspaper articles

Science-Rocks- The main investigations and scientific questions we will be studying:

The three rock types - igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic
Different examples of rocks and their properties - slate, granite, chalk etc.

History and Geography

- Studying Europe and in particular, Italy.
- Looking at Pompeii before the disaster, during and what it looks like now.
- Studying volcanic eruptions and what causes them.
- Using a case study in geography to learn about earthquakes and what causes them.

Art and Design Technology

- Making 3D volcanoes
- Charcoal sketching volcanic scenes/scenery.

Physical Education

- Ball handling and team building games
- Football
- Indoor (Mr Maiden)

PSHE

-New Year's resolutions -Anti - bullying - Feelings
- Personal aims and targets - Growing up

Homework - Extended homework tasks will be set through this half term:

Reading - Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week and it is in your child's best interests to do so. We have a new ERIC (Everybody reading in class) timetable, so children will read in class and change their books once a week.

Spellings - New spellings will be set every week. These will come home in the new reading records on a Friday and tested the following Thursday.

Number Zumba - Children need to practice their Number Zumba objectives and they will be tested on a Thursday, with the next targets given out on a Friday.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask, if you send an email and I will get back to you in person or by email as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

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