

Hello and welcome back to the last Term in Year 3! We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and are ready for some summer fun!

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We will be covering the topic of **Extreme Earth** this term and our lessons will help us find out lots more about the wider world and these dangerous occurrences.

| <u>Literacy</u>          | Text Studies – We will begin with <i>Escape to Pompeii by Christina Balit</i> and then <b>The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman</b>             |
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| <u>Numeracy</u>          | Fractions, revision of calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Place value, money                                      |
| <u>Geography &amp;</u>   | Volcanoes; Investigating 'The Ring of Fire' with map skills, Different types of  |
| <u>History</u>           | volcanoes, Volcanic disasters around the world-focus Pompeii. Natural<br>disasters-Earthquakes, Tsunamis and Tornadoes.                                    |
| <u>Art and D &amp; T</u> | Model erupting volcanoes (Plastic drinking bottles, cereal boxes and<br>newspaper needed for volcanoes please bring in as many as possible, thank<br>you!) |
|                          | Shapes, textures, patterns and lines-Focus on Squares with concentric circles-Kandinsky  |
| <u>R.E.</u>              | People of God-What is it like to follow God?<br>Sikhism  |
| <u>ICT</u>               | Internet Safety, Internet research and communication   |
| P.S.H.E.                 | Rights and responsibilities, Valuing differences   |
| <u>Music</u>             | Volcanic eruptions (using percussion instruments); Glockenspiels   |
| <u>P.E.</u>              | Tennis; Athletics; Outdoor and Adventurous activities.   |
| <u>Science</u>           | Plants, Rocks and soils  |
| <u>French</u>            | Animals  |

## Homework

Each day your child is expected to do the following at home:

 $\star$  Reading  $\star$ Spellings  $\star$ Times table practice

earrow **Reading-** It is crucial your child is reading at both school and home. Reading books will be changed on earrow a Monday and a Friday. We do keep a record at school but books and records need to be brought in earrow regularly to allow us to keep track of progress.

**Times Tables**-Year 3 focus on x3, x4 and x8 tables but we will be covering them all in our Times Table ladder challenge. Children are going to be tested every week on our tables of the week and the challenge is to get to the top of the ladder by the end of the school year, so children are entering year 4 knowing all of their times tables up to x12. Prizes will be given to those children who achieve this or show they are working hard to learn their tables at home and school. In KS2 children need to know the multiplication fact and the related division fact e.g.  $2 \times 3 = 6$  therefore  $6 \div 3 = 2$ 

**Spellings**- Spelling tests will be every other Friday and work will be completed in school related to the spelling lists to support the children with their learning. Lists and dates to follow. Some extra weeks will be added to include common words for year 3.

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\*  $\bigstar$  $\star$  PE- P.E. lessons are every Tuesday and Thursday. Children must come into school in their PE Uniform ☆ on their PE days. Navy hoody/tracksuit top, navy t-shirt, navy or black shorts/jogging bottoms and suitable footwear. We will endeavour to have PE outdoors as much as possible so hoodies and jogging bottoms are recommended. \*  $\bigstar$ Staff Days- Mrs Crowe works Mon-Wed, Mrs Smith Wed-Fri. Alternative Wednesdays PPA cover is needed so  $\checkmark$ both of us will be in School either AM/PM. If there are any changes due to meetings/courses we will inform the children so they're aware who they have the following day. This term we will also have Miss Lambert (PE SCITT Student) working with us. ☆ Mrs Smith will be leaving for her maternity on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Miss Clay will be taking over her days until the ☆ end of summer.  $\bigstar$ 🛠 Fruit/snacks- Now the children are in KS2 unfortunately they do not receive free fruit, please provide \* your child with a healthy snack for break time if necessary. This should be piece of fruit/vegetables, breakfast/cereal bar. No chocolate, biscuits or crisps please.  $\bigstar$  $\bigstar$ 

Water- Please provide your child with a water bottle (labelled) for drinks throughout the day.

We are really looking forward to another interesting, exciting and enjoyable Summer term!

Year 3 Staff

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