

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope that you had an enjoyable break and that your child is feeling refreshed and looking forward to what I hope will be a happy and successful year. Here is some information you may find useful.

We will cover lots of history, geography and science based topics under our theme:

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**English:** We will be developing our literacy skills through a variety of text types including: fables, explanation text (linked to our theme), poetry and writing adventure stories. Along with daily spelling sessions, this term we will also cover basic punctuation, inverted commas (speech marks), extending range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions and fronted adverbials of time.

**Mathematics:** In mathematics this term, the main focus will be number and the number system. It will be starting with place value and identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations. Solving number problems and practical problems involving these ideas. Counting in intervals of 3, 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will also be covering 2D and 3D shapes and then will move on to addition and subtraction.

**Geography (Rocking Earth):** Children will identify the continents on a map and will learn how they are formed. We will also learn about the physical and human impacts of earthquakes: To understand how people can change, improve or damage the environment.

Children will also locate where volcanoes are in the world and why? They will use model volcanoes to demonstrate eruption.

**History (Stone Age to the Iron Age):** We will look at what cave men were really like and discover what it would have been like to live in those times. We will examine the types of homes people used to live in, what they ate and how they farmed. We will also learn why historical artefacts are important and how we can use them to help us discover information about the past.

**Science (Rocks and Soil):** This half term our learning in science will cover rocks, soils and fossils, as well as light. We will do investigations by working scientifically. This will include the importance of fair testing.

**Computing:** In computing we will be studying Internet Safety and Digital Literacy. We will be looking at e-safety and how to communicate safely using technology. This will include looking at personal information and why it is so important to keep it private. We will also be learning about computers by identifying them as digital devices and using different inputs and outputs.

**P.E:** This will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays (Thursdays lesson will be swimming.). Their first swimming lesson is on 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings removed or covered. Could you please ensure that your child has a pair of named daps or trainers in their P.E bags suitable for outside use. Tracksuit bottoms would also be useful for colder weather. Could you please ensure that all clothing is named to avoid loss of kit and 'mix ups'! A letter about swimming will soon be sent out.

**Spellings:** Children will be given ten new spellings on Mondays. They will then be tested on them, on the following Monday. Spelling is a big part of Year 3, and an important part of the curriculum. Please practice your child's spellings at home with them.

In school, we will be having a daily Sounds-Write session to support your child in learning how to spell.

**Reading:** Year 3 is an important year for developing reading. All children still need to be heard by an adult as reading out loud encourages development of fluency. Please support them on a weekly basis, and talk to them about what they understand about the book they are reading. Reading Records and reading books need to be in school every day – there is a basket in the classroom especially for them. Reading books will be changed every Thursday.

**Homework:** Each child will be given one piece of homework on a Monday and it is expected on the following Friday. The **children** are responsible for handing it in and for doing it on time. The homework problems will be discussed on Friday afternoons.

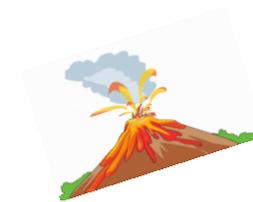
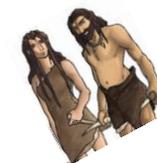
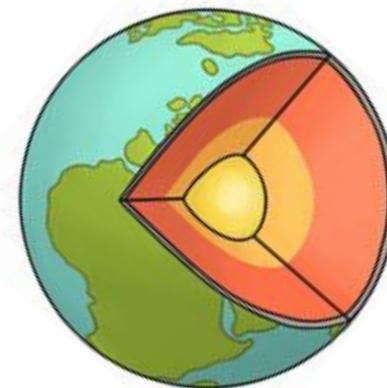
**Snack:** The children will no longer receive school snack. Please could you provide a healthy snack for your child (fruit or veg) for them to eat at break time. It is possible for you to pay for your child to continue having milk in Year 3, if you do wish to do this, please discuss with the office staff.

**Help:** Helpers are always welcome in year 3, please let me know if you would be happy to give your time to come and hear readers, or support with one-off art projects. Mrs Nesbit is in need of adults on Thursdays every week to support with taking the children swimming, a rota is in the office if you would like to sign up.

I am really looking forward to teaching and getting to know all the children. If you do have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Here's to a happy and successful year!

# What are Year 3 learning about this term?

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