

**Welcome to back the Spring Term. Please find below an outline of our curriculum.**

**Our topic is Volcanoes and Earthquakes.**

Starting with our trip to the Natural History Museum, we will explore how and why both earthquakes and volcanoes occur. The first part of our topic will be geography based and include research in books and on the internet, looking at maps and diagrams and some model making. We will then move on to the story of Vesuvius and Pompeii and the Roman way of life.

**Science** The class will be investigating rocks and soils. They will use their skills of research, observation and recording as well as planning and carrying out practical tasks.

**Literacy** The children will complete writing in different genres such as explanations, reports and recounts. We will continue to work on spelling, punctuation and grammar. The children will also continue to practise their handwriting. Our current class book is Kasper Prince of Cats by Michael Morpurgo.

**Maths** We will continue the 4 number operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, developing written methods further. The children will also

revisit place value, fractions and decimals. They will study 2D shape including angles and perimeter as well as different graphs. Work over the term will include mental maths and plenty of practice on multiplication tables.

**R.E.** This will be with Mrs Geoghegan and she will be working with the class on a theme called "What type of world did Jesus want?"

**Music** The class will continue to learn the cornet with Mr Storey this term. Please make sure your child brings their instrument to school every Friday.

**P.E.** The children will be doing gymnastics on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Miles and they have rugby with a coach from STAGS for the first half term. They will need their PE kit **every week**.

**Art** We shall be covering work colour as well as topic based themes. The children will have a chance to work on their drawing and painting skills and will look at the work of well-known artists.

**French** In French the children are studying different body parts, transport, number work and ongoing classroom instructions with Mrs Brignall.

Computing will be taught by year group (Y3 first) and the class will work with Ms Allen on a unit about coding, involving the production of a short animation.



Some reminders .....

Please to continue to **hear your child read aloud at home**. Most of the class have now read the 6 books for their **Bronze Reading Challenge** and have started on **Silver**. Regular reading not only allows your child to become fluent, but also helps to improve spelling and expand their vocabulary, which is essential in improving their writing.

Please support your child to bring in his/her PE kit and **cornet EVERY WEEK**. It causes disruption and delay if **several children are without the correct equipment**.

Weekly maths and English homework (including spellings), will be set towards the end of each week and occasionally some topic research.

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## Class 3

