

Excellence Together, Learning through Faith



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Dear Families of Year 3,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break (although if it was anything like mine, maybe not so restful!) I would like to firstly say a huge 'thank you' for the lovely Christmas gifts which were much appreciated and also for your on-going support.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any questions or concerns, I am available most days after school. Please use your Home-School Link books to communicate any messages and then remind your child to hand it in at the beginning of the day.

Our whole school topic this half term is '*The World Around Us*'. The topic will largely be taught through Geography, where the children will be learning about the formation of volcanoes, building on their knowledge of rocks from last half term, as well as earthquakes. We will be creating some clay models to show what we have learnt about volcanoes.

In Literacy we will be learning through our Geography topic of Volcanoes. We will be writing non-fiction texts on Volcanoes to show off our new knowledge. We will continue to focus on practising and reinforcing joined-up handwriting as this is a requirement of the Year 3 curriculum. Please encourage your child to join letters when you are supporting them with their homework.

In Maths this half-term, we will start by multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 using a place value grid. We will be revising the column method for addition and subtraction and then applying those written methods to solve word problems. We will also be adding and subtracting money, to help your child at home, you could allow them to pay for items when shopping to support them with coin recognition as well as begin to add amounts and work out change. To finish the half term, we will revise fractions and start to add fractions with a common denominator.

'Shining ever brighter...' Proverbs 4:18



In Science, we will be learning all about 'Animals including Humans'. We will learn to identify and classify different animals. We will also be learning about the skeleton and diet of different animals.

PE:

The children will continue to have PE on Tuesdays with Game On and they will go outside where possible, weather permitting, so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing including trainers and warm clothes. They will also be starting swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings, where you have been asked to drop your child at the sports centre at 8.50am.

READING:

Please continue to read with your children at home as much as possible. It is important that they read regularly to improve fluency and comprehension as well as listen to stories. This half term, we will be continuing to improve fluency and expression in reading, and the focus will continue to be particularly on inference and 'reading between the lines'. It would be much appreciated if you could ask your children to make predictions of the story and then ask questions to check their understanding of what they have read.

Again, if you wish to speak to me at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Miss Groves

An overview of learning in Year 3

Understanding English, Communication and languages <i>(Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)</i>	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
<p>- Grammar, handwriting, spellings and reading will be taught daily within whole class sessions, small group work and individually.</p> <p>-Non-fiction writing about volcanoes</p> <p>- Play scripts using Alice in Wonderland for inspiration.</p> <p>- Character descriptions, alternative endings, poems.</p> <p>-Spellings- pronouns, prefixes.</p> <p>-French will continue to be taught using the 'Language Angels' programme.</p>	<p>-Subtraction and addition.</p> <p>- multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.</p> <p>- understanding numbers and the number system, including place value and comparing and ordering numbers to 1000.</p> <p>- 3, 4 and 6 and 8 x tables.</p> <p>- finding fractions of amounts and shapes.</p> <p>- introduction to adding fractions.</p> <p>- counting in steps of 4, 50 and tenths.</p> <p>-money- addition and subtraction and word problems.</p>	<p>Religious Education this half term. The children will look at the Life of Jesus.</p> <p>They will look at some parables and reflect on what we can learn from them.</p> <p>They will try to make links between values and commitments and their own attitudes and behaviour.</p>
Scientific and Technological Understanding <i>(Science, Design & Technology)</i>	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding <i>(PSHE, History, Geography)</i>	Computing
<p>We will be learning through the topic 'Animals including Humans this half term. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The different types of animals - Sorting and classifying animals. - Diets and food chains of animals. 	<p>We will be learning about Volcanoes and developing our geographical skills</p>	<p>Computing will follow the Herts Scheme and this half term we will be looking at the topic 'Developing Communication'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researching and using the internet to find out about Volcanoes - Sending emails
Understanding physical Development, health and wellbeing. <i>(Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)</i>	Understanding the Arts <i>(Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)</i>	
<p>-Outdoor P.E with Game On.</p> <p>-Swimming</p>	<p>In Design and Technology, we will be designing, creating and building our own volcanoes.</p> <p>The children will continue to learn the recorder on Friday afternoons.</p>	