

Year 3 Newsletter



Spring Term

Happy New Year!

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts given to the Year 3 team.

This year, Miss Tams and Mrs Clark will be teaching in Year 3 and we are looking forward to working with you all. We hope our Year 3 families have had a lovely Christmas break and are excited to get stuck into a new year.

English

We are continuing with our use of different guided reading strategies. The children will use weekly linked texts/poems/lyrics on a theme to build confidence and fluency reading aloud. We will be working in depth with longer texts to answer questions to help develop our comprehension with an emphasis on text retrieval and inference.

We are using our geography focus on volcanoes as our writing project this half term. We will be writing quest stories and information sheets about volcanoes and can't wait to share our writing with you!

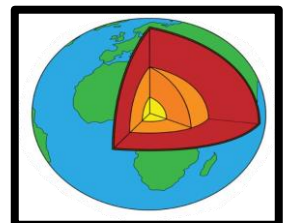
Class Novel

The class novel we are reading is *Indiana Bones* by Harry Heape. We are looking forward to hearing about the adventures the hero of the story undertakes!

Geography

This term is a double Geography term! We are starting with *Extreme Earth*, which has already been really exciting. We are learning about what the Earth is made from, understanding how volcanoes are formed and why they erupt.

We will learn about tornadoes, tsunamis and earthquakes too. We will be watching lots of videos and reading about what it is like to experience these natural disasters. If you are wanting to find out more about natural disasters, please remember to use YouTube Kids, to search for videos and not YouTube so that the videos are appropriate.



Maths

This term, we will be learning about multiplication and division in maths. We will then move on to Length & Perimeter, Fractions and Mass and Capacity! Please continue to practise times tables at home using trockstars.com and other strategies. Speed tests happen every week and are a way of increasing mental maths speed when doing multiplication facts. Year 3 pupils are expected to learn the 3, 4, 8s times tables in addition to the 2, 5, 10s that they learnt in Year 2.



RE

We start the term with a new unit on Sikhism. We will be learning about the Gurdwara, the place of worship, where Sikhs come together, the Gurus and what it is like to be a Sikh. Our second unit for this term, is a Christianity focus on Good Friday, which will link well with Easter.



PE

We have two PE units this term, hockey and gymnastics. Gymnastics will be on Mondays with Mrs Clark and our PE coach Simon, hockey will be on Fridays with Miss Tams. We will be outside for hockey, so please all have hats and coats to wear on Fridays. Thank you.

Art & Design

This term we are using our geography unit of Extreme Earth to inspire our final pieces in art. We will explore how artists combine media to create. We will be exploring using paint, cloth and thread in this unit.



Design Technology

After Easter, we will be creating pavilion structures in DT. We will learn about how to make a structure and will design and create them using art straws and lollipop sticks.

Science

We have two units this term, Forces and Magnets and Animals including humans. We will be identifying the type of forces required to carry out an action. We will be investigating the force of friction produced by different surfaces and the different strengths of magnets and how they attract or repel materials.

We have a lot to fit in a short term but we are excited by our new units and topics.

Here's to a fun packed term!

Miss Tams, Mrs Clark & Mrs Thorn