

Year 3 Newsletter



Spring Term

Happy New Year!

I hope you and your children have had a fantastic, festive holiday, and I would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely gifts and cards that I have received over the Christmas period.

I am looking forward to continue the great start we have had to Year 3.

I am thrilled to start the new year with some very exciting topics and hope that your children are as enthusiastic as we are!

English

We are continuing with our use of carousel groups in our guided reading time to build on various skills linked to reading and to continue to grow each child's confidence and fluency when reading aloud. We will be looking at longer texts 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!

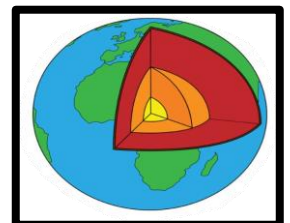
Class Novel

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* where 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 videos and reading about what it is like to experience these natural disasters. If your child would like to explore this further at home, please use YouTube Kids rather than YouTube to ensure content is appropriate.



Maths

This term, we will start by continuing to learn 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](https://www.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. Our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays so please make sure your children come in PE kits on these days and Forest School will continue to be on every other Wednesday.

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.

Here's to a fun packed term!

Mr Jackson