

# Year 3 – Autumn 2 Term

## Extreme Earth

### English

This half term we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts, all linked to our topic; Extreme Earth. We will start by looking at non-fiction (NF) volcano books and will create our information page incorporating all of the features of a NF text. We will then move on to the book, 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. Our work from this book will allow us to create character and setting descriptions as well as planning and writing our own adventure stories.

Guided reading and spelling lessons will also be carried out daily.

Our class novel focus will continue to be 'Rainbow Grey' by Laura Ellen Anderson.

### Mathematics

This half term in Maths we will be mainly focusing on addition and subtraction skills using 3 digit numbers. We will also be learning a variety of strategies to help with problem solving and reasoning as well as completing our *Flashback 4's* to recap sticky knowledge.

We will also be having weekly 'Maths Whizz' lessons to help compliment the work being carried out in class each week.

### D&T and French

This half term. Mr Nash will be teaching us sewing and appliques techniques so that we can make our own cushions.

In French, Miss Robson will continue teaching the children greetings and numbers to 10.

### PE

Mr Senior will be working with the children in their PE lessons to develop their throwing, catching and teamwork skills through the sports of tag rugby and volleyball.

### Geography

This half term, the key objectives we will be using as geographers are:  
Use and interpret maps, globes, atlases and digital computer mapping to locate countries and key features.

Describe and understand physical geography including volcanoes, tsunamis, tornadoes and earthquakes.

Know whether a country is located in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere.

Explain why people would choose to live in one place rather than another.

Locate and name some of the world's most famous volcanoes.

Describe and understand the key aspects of earthquakes/volcanoes.

### Science

This half term in science we will be completing work on our topic of 'Rocks'. In addition to developing our working scientifically and scientific enquiry skills, the key objectives to be studied are:

- Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of appearance and simple physical properties.
- Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.
- Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

### Music

This half term. Mr Doherty will be teaching the children to develop their music theory knowledge by developing their notation skills. They will continue to use the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly' and develop their understanding of musical vocabulary.

### RE

The first topic we will be studying this half term is Promises where we will be taking a close look at Baptism and the promises made in this Sacrament. The second topic we will be looking at is the topic of Visitors with a particular focus on Advent and the build up to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

In addition to our work in class, we will also be taking part in weekly hymn practices and collective worship sessions.