Year 3 – Autumn 2 Term

Extreme Earth

English

In English, we will be using Oliver and the Seawigs by Philip Reeve to inspire our writing. Through the story, children will develop their prediction skills and write descriptive setting and character pieces. We will explore key grammar skills, including conjunctions, tenses and time adverbials, to improve our sentence structure. To finish the unit, children will write a diary entry from Oliver's perspective following the disappearance of his parents, as well as an information text about sea monkeys.

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*' and arithmetic lessons to help compliment the work being carried out in class each week.

Art

The children will develop their drawing skills and learn how to observe and draw the features of a face. They will learn how lines and shapes help us draw realistic facial features. They will learn about drawing textures and be inspired by the work of multiple artists they will encounter again through their studies.

PE

Mr Senior will be working with the children in their PE lessons to develop their throwing, catching and teamwork skills through the sport of volleyball. The children will also be taking part in weekly Forest School sessions and break dancing lessons with Dance Studio Manchester.

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.

French

This half term. we will be building on our knowledge by looking at the different names of animals in French. We will also have a grammar focus to learn when we need to use 'un' or 'une' before a noun.

Music

This half term. Mr Doherty will be working with the children on a Christmas project linked to songs from the movies. The children will be building up to a whole school performance before Christmas.

RE

In our 'Prophecy & Promise' module this half term, we will explore how God's people were given messages of hope through the prophets, who spoke of God's love and the promise of a coming Saviour. Children discover how these prophecies point towards the birth of Jesus, the fulfilment of God's promise, and the importance of hope and preparation during Advent.

We will also be looking at the Mass and begin to understand the relevance of each part of the Mass.