



Year 3 Spring Term 2018



Here is a general outline of the main topics to be covered this term:

Our initial focus is Geography. We will be finding out about volcanoes, what causes them and where they are in the world. We will also be looking at the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and what happened in Pompeii. The children will be doing drama, music, poetry and art activities to support this topic.

Literacy work will be focusing on adventure stories which we will be basing on the Mr Benn series by David McKee. We'll be using the TV programmes which are great fun and so different to today's animations. We will also be writing poetry about volcanoes.

In Science we shall be studying 'Rocks' (which ties in with Geography) and 'Forces and Magnets' - learning lots of interesting facts and carrying out a variety of investigations. As well as this, we will be covering 'pneumatics' in our Design and Technology sessions, and exploding our very own volcanoes.

We will continue to follow our maths programme, revisiting the main concepts which have been studied previously and stretching the children further.

After half term, we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians as our second History focus of the year. The children will be looking at information texts in English based around the Egyptians and making other cross-curricular links.

During this term, 3y will have swimming lessons before half term and 3x will have them after half term. Children will continue their outdoor P.E. sessions with Mr Venn. We will continue to use Information Technology across the curriculum to support our topics and reinforce key skills.

Homework in year 3 remains as daily reading, weekly spelling and times tables.

In 3y, spellings will be tested on Friday and times tables on Monday.

In 3x, times tables will be tested on Friday and spellings on Monday.

We hope you and your child enjoy this term's learning and activities.

Miss Westwood and Mrs Stennett

Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zxngkqt> (BBC Bitesize: Volcanoes and gases)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils

https://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources/cultures/ancient_egypt.aspx