



## Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year Three

Spring 1st Half Term: January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a very merry and fun-filled Christmas and that the children are feeling refreshed and energised, ready for a busy, exciting and challenging spring term.

May we take this opportunity to once again say a massive Thank You for all the wonderful Christmas wishes, cards and presents. We were blown away by your kindness and generosity.

Over the next half term, Year 3 will be focusing on the topic 'Rock Detectives' and 'Can the Earth Shake, Rattle and Roll'?

**In literacy** the children will start the term by looking at an Anthony Browne story called 'Into the Forest'. They will be doing some character analysis work leading into writing a letter to a character. They will then be studying play scripts and rewriting the story as a play. Towards the end of the half term they will be putting the knowledge gained in Topic lessons to good use and creating an information book all about volcanoes.

**In maths** the children will be learning the grid method for multiplication and the chunking method for division. They will also learning to convert pound to pence and solve money related word problems. Following this, they will be learning how to compile and interpret statistical data.

Please support children by continuing to practise times tables regularly. The main focus for year 3 is recalling 3, 4 & 8 times tables. They will need to use these number facts when doing the written method for multiplication and division.

**In science:**

As Rock detectives the children will be establishing core knowledge and understanding of rocks, their relationship to soils and how fossils have formed over time. In learning about rocks children will identify and name rocks, describing and comparing their observable properties and sorting them using a key. They will identify ways in which rocks are used in the local environment and suggest why the properties of certain rocks make them suitable for particular purposes.

**In Geography:**

The children will learn about the structure of the earth, looking particularly at the causes and distribution of earthquakes and volcanoes and their effects on landscape and people.

**In Art and Design** we will be focusing on painting. We will:

- Explore different ways we can use paint
- Explore different forms of mark making
- Paint scenes and landscapes related to the topic of climate

**In PE** we will: be continuing our coached sessions with a focus on invasion sports such as Tag Rugby.

Our PE sessions will now take place on a Tuesday and Friday, however some changes may occur, so please ensure children have a suitable PE kit in school every day.

**In RE** we will be thinking about Hinduism. The children will be investigating, exploring beliefs and reflecting on how festivals such as Diwali create a sense of belonging. Children will be linking ideas to their own beliefs, making comparisons and sharing their own experiences.

**In Music** We will learning about the language of music through playing the Glockenspiel.



**In computing** we will focus on digital literacy and creative IT.

**Church services:** If any parents or carers are able to come and support us at our Friday morning church worships, your help would be much appreciated.

**Home learning** for this term is as follows:

- Reading books: The children will be responsible for changing their own reading books once they have completed the accelerated reading quiz. It is helpful if you ask your child questions about the book as they read, to ensure they understand the texts. Please note, when reading books have been finished please make a note and sign the reading records to ensure the books are changed.
- Home-Learning books will be sent home on Thursdays and are to be handed in by the following Tuesday.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us after school if you have any questions.

Thank you!  
Ms Baptiste & Miss Goringe

Year 3 class teachers.