

Spring Term 3 - Curriculum Newsletter: Year 3

Topic:

It's A Disaster!







Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you have had a really lovely Christmas break and that you and your children are feeling rested, recharged and ready for 2024!

This term our learning will focus on Geography and in particular geological events. Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will bring home this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, facts and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework, by the end of the term when they will take their 'end of topic quizzes'.

Focus on Curriculum

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

<p>Science</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forces and Magnets: Know about and describe how objects move on different surfaces; Know how some forces require contact and some do not giving examples; Know about and explain how magnets attract and repel predict whether magnets will attract or repel and give a reason
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>It's a disaster -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying the different layers that make up the Earth• Understanding how the Earth's crust is comprised of tectonic plates and how their movement affects geological events such as earthquakes and volcanoes.• Researching and comparing geographical features of different locations around the globe.
<p>PSHE (SCARF)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keeping myself safe - managing risks and staying safe online
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday - Outdoor - Uni-hoc• Thursday - Outdoor - Tag Rugby
<p>Languages</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French - Comptines et chansons (Nursery rhymes)
<p>Computing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating spreadsheets using tools and data.

Music



- Charanga - Bringing Us Together - A Disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity.

Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

Websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39> (forces and magnets)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfhf3j6> (volcanoes)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7gkwnb> (earthquakes)

Books

- Earth-Shattering Earthquakes - Anita Ganeri
- Earthquakes - Julie Haydon
- Natural Disasters - Andrew Langley
- Volcano and Earthquake - DK

Homework:

The homework we set is linked into basic skills and consolidates learning that has taken place in class.

- Spellings to be sent out on Wednesdays; to be tested on Tuesdays
- Reading diaries sent home on a Friday and handed in on Wednesday
- Maths homework sent home on a Friday and handed in on Wednesday
- Reading comprehension text sent home on a Friday to be read with a grown up for the reading lesson the following week

Important Dates for Your Diaries:

5th January - Lansdowne dress down day

23rd and 24th January - SCARF Lifebase visits for all KS2 classes

26th January - Cross country - KS2 at KGA (tbc)

Week beginning 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

As you can see, this term will bring many exciting learning opportunities! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Legg and Miss Feltham