

## Summer Term Newsletter 2022

Dear parents of Year 3,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a relaxing Easter weekend and enjoyed some time off. As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has sun cream and a sunhat when necessary. A reminder to name school and sports' clothing, particularly school jumpers, as it makes rehoming them easier.



### Topic

This half-term we are focusing on volcanoes and earthquakes. We will look at a wide range of physical features including: structure of the earth, plate tectonics, how volcanoes and earthquakes form and what effect they have on the environment. Next half-term our topic will be history, focusing on the Egyptians.

### Literacy

Our fiction literacy and language genre for this half term is based on a mystery story called 'Smash and Grab' by John Dougherty. We will create our own mystery story that utilises the features and techniques that the author has used. Our writing focus will include creating imagery and suspense, developing sentences and using speech. Non-fiction writing will have a focus on non-chronological reports and the effective use of sentence types and tenses.



In reading comprehension this half term, the children are studying 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. Our next book is 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman, where we will be continuing our focus on new vocabulary and comprehension skills. Please can all reading records and books be in school every day. These will continue to be checked by myself every Friday morning. Spelling homework will continue to be uploaded to Spellingframe and logins can be found in reading records.

### Maths

This term in fractions we will:

- Counting fractions on a number line.
- Fractions of a set of objects.
- Equivalent fractions.
- Comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions.

We will also be studying time and will:

- Recap key time terminology.
- Months, years, hours and seconds.
- Telling the time to 5 minutes and the minute.
- Using AM, PM and the 24hr clock.

To finish off the term we will be focusing on properties of shape and then mass and capacity, taking a constant approach to address all topics through worded problems and other problem-solving techniques. End of unit assessments will continue and the new Maths homework booklets will be sent home when they arrive. In due course, I will still set fortnightly homework until they are released. There is a homework live on Teams currently that is due in on Friday 13th May 2022. Please continue to practise times tables at home on Times Table Rockstars (TTRS). These logins can also be found in your child's reading record.

### Science

Our science topics this term include: the requirements of plants, including the flowering plant lifecycle in biology. In chemistry a focus on rocks, fossils and soils and astronomy in physics. We will focus on particular scientific skills including: research, comparing, pattern seeking, identifying and classifying and observing over time.

### PE

PE will continue to be taught on a Tuesday and Wednesday. This half term will include athletics on Tuesdays and rounders on Wednesdays.

### PSHE

Our PSHE units for this term are Being My Best and Growing and Changing. In Being My Best, we will be thinking about responsibility and health. We will be starting Growing and Changing in Summer Term 2 and there will be a reminder in the newsletter outlining the topics we will cover next month. Any queries you may have about the subject nearer the time please feel free to contact me.

### MFL

In French this term we will be learning about myself, with a focus on animals/pets and where I live. Into next half-term, topics covered will be food and culture.

Please feel free to contact me about any concerns and many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Park

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