

Year 3
Autumn 2
Curriculum Map

In **English** we will be reading the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will use this as inspiration when writing free verse poetry as well as when writing and performing our own play scripts. Later on in the term, we will be writing explanation texts based on natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis. In December, we will be reading and writing Christmassy limericks!

In **PSHE** we will be looking at the importance of relationships and friendships. This includes learning how to value and emphasise with others, manage conflict and to recognise how we affect, and are affected by others. We will talk about our network of special people, identifying those we can talk to about our concerns and how to get support in situations involving friendships and relationships.

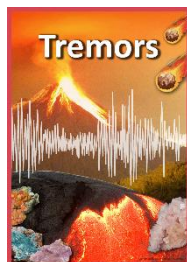
In **Science** we will learn about how rocks are formed and discuss their properties. We will make careful observations, conduct investigations and record our findings.

In **RE** we will consider: What is it like to follow God? We will make links between the story of Noah and how we live in school and the wider world.

We will be reading...

Survivor: Escape from Pompeii

By Jim Eldridge



**This half term
our theme is
'Tremors'**

In **Geography** we will be focussing on using technical vocabulary to describe geographical processes. We will use models to find out about the Earth's layers and will use atlases to identify the locations of volcanoes. When learning about Mount Vesuvius, we will create sketch maps using an agreed key to describe the province of Naples in Italy. We will find out how seismic and tsunami activity and consider the devastating impact of these natural disasters on human life.

As part of our **PSHE** learning linked with our topic we will look in depth at the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and consider '*Does the world do enough to help people rebuild their lives after such natural disasters?*'

In **History** we will travel back in time to Italy in 79AD. We will learn about typical Roman towns and use a range of sources to consider what life would have been like for those living in Pompeii before the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

In our indoor **PE** lessons this half term, we will be developing our gymnastic skills including using apparatus. In our outdoor sessions, our focus will be in improving ball skills such as throwing, catching and dribbling. Please ensure your child has a **full** PE kit in school each day, including warm clothing in preparation for the colder ..

**Just a reminder that the Year 3 Celebration
Assembly is on Friday 6th December.**

In **Maths** we will be busy using column addition and subtraction to help use solve real life problems. We will practise estimating the answers to a calculation first and using the inverse operation to check our work. We will refine our multiplication and division skills and work hard to learn our 3, 4 and 8 timetables. Later on in the term, we will revisit our shape knowledge and draw and make 2D and 3D shapes. We will finish the half term practising measuring to the nearest millimetre and calculating the perimeter of shapes.

Reading and Home Learning

All children need to have their reading book and yellow reading record in school every day.

The reading reward scheme that the children all work towards will be checked on a Monday. Children will need to have read a minimum of 5 times a week at home and their reading diaries signed by an adult. For every week in which they have read 5 times they will be entered into the half termly prize draw!

We will visit the library on a Monday.

Home learning is handed out on a Friday. Home learning books are checked on a Thursday.

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