




# Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn 2 – 2021 Rocks, Rumbles & Relics

<b>Our Learning Theme</b>		
Welcome back. We hope everyone had a relaxing half term break. We were delighted by how well the children adapted to their move into Year 3 last half term and are looking forward to another exciting half term which kicked off with our visit to Magna last Thursday 4th November. Our topic this half term continues to be <b>Rocks, Rumbles &amp; Relics</b> . The children find out more about the effects of tectonic plate movement and the impact that this has around the world in the form of earthquakes and tsunamis.		
<b>Homework</b>		
Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (starting on <b>Friday 5th November</b> ). We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in these targets. Please could you also help your child with learning the facts and vocabulary on their light knowledge organiser ready for a quiz later in the half term. The children will be reading regularly in class - please could you encourage them to also read for pleasure at home.		
<b>Learning Log</b>		<b>Important Dates:</b>
A Learning Log activity will be sent home for your child to complete over this half term. This half term's learning log should be returned to school by <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> . Children will be encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our science light theme or earthquakes and tsunamis.		<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> Visit to Magna in Sheffield <b>Thursday 11th November</b> Remembrance day <b>Friday 19th November</b> Children in Need <b>Friday 26th November</b> Year 3 Assembly <b>Wednesday 8th &amp; Thursday 9th December</b> Christmas Concerts
		<b>PE Days</b>
		<b>Tuesday</b> – Indoor <b>Thursday</b> – Outdoor During our outdoor sessions, we will be working alongside Ashley, a qualified sports coach from FUNDA sports education. Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts) and warm kit for outdoor PE when it gets chilly please.
<b>Curriculum</b>		
<b>English</b>	<b>Maths</b>	
In English we will be continuing to use the Write Stuff writing approach which focuses on grammar, punctuation and effective vocabulary choices. We will be taking inspiration from the fantastic picture book, <i>Flood</i> by Alvaro F. Villa, to write our own disaster story. The children will have separate spelling sessions four days a week. Reading sessions will take place daily.	In maths we will be continuing to add and subtract numbers with up to 3 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate. We will then move on to multiplication and division; recapping on grouping and sharing, exploring arrays, revisiting the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to secure the children's confidence and fluency of recall in the multiplication and division facts for these times tables before moving on to the 3 times tables.	
<b>Science</b>	<b>Computing</b>	
Our science unit this half term is light. We will explore how we see, light sources, reflection of light, how shadows are created and how they can be changed and how the light from the sun can be dangerous.	This half term we will be planning and creating stop motion animations using digital images that we have captured and edited. We will explore how our animations can be enhanced with the addition of audio.	
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>Art/DT</b>	
In geography, we will compare the geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of our local area and the area around Mount Vesuvius in Italy.	Our art and design lessons will continue to explore the amazing mosaics discovered in Pompeii through a variety of art and design techniques.	
<b>Other:</b>	<b>Year Three Team</b>	
The children will have Ukulele lessons on a Friday morning. Our RE unit of work explores Christianity. PHSE is a focus throughout the school day, however discrete lessons will focus on positive relationships. <b>Please can you ensure that playtime snacks are a healthy choice of fruit/vegetables or cereal bars rather than chocolate and crisps. Thank you.</b>	<b>Daley Class</b> – Miss Jacklin, Mrs Mowbray, & Mrs Todd <b>Ennis Class</b> – Mrs Morrow, Mr Ahmed & Mrs Wilson  Ashley Linney from Funda Sports coaching will be working with both classes on Thursday afternoons.	
<b>To contact us, email: <a href="mailto:katejacklin@saltaireps.co.uk">katejacklin@saltaireps.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:saramorrow@saltaireps.co.uk">saramorrow@saltaireps.co.uk</a></b> <b>You can also ring and leave a message via the school office and we will get back to you ASAP.</b>		