




Year Three Newsletter: Autumn 1 – 2021

Rocks, Rumbles & Relics

Our Learning Theme	
<p>Welcome back. It's lovely to see everyone back in school after such a long break. We have an exciting half term planned with lots of interesting and engaging activities that we are sure will help the children to settle in quickly. Our topic this half term is 'Rocks, Rumbles & Relics'. We will explore the topic through the majority of our curriculum areas. The children will discover all about volcanoes, their location, what causes them and why people would choose to live near them. We will also find out about the famous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 and its impact on the surrounding area.</p>	
	Important Dates:
	Thursday 4th November Visit to Magna in Sheffield
Homework	Learning Log
<p>Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (starting on Friday 17th September). 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 Rocks and Soils 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.</p>	<p>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 Monday 18th October. Children will be encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our exciting volcanoes theme.</p>
PE Days	
<p>Tuesday – Indoor Thursday – 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.</p>	
Curriculum	
English	Maths
<p>In English we will be trialling a new writing approach called 'The Write Stuff'. There is a large focus on vocabulary, punctuation and grammar within this approach. We will be starting our year by exploring and writing explanation texts. Our first focus text will be a fantastic book, <i>The Street Beneath My Feet</i>, that links beautifully to our science topic. We will finish the half term with a dive into autumnal poetry. The children will have separate spelling sessions four days a week. Reading sessions will take place daily.</p>	<p>In maths we will begin by extending our knowledge and understanding of place value, including numbers up to 1000. We will then move on to adding and subtracting numbers with up to 3 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate. Knowing times tables facts is important to mathematical learning and understanding. Consequently, we will 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 during this half term.</p>
Science	Computing
<p>Our science unit this half term is 'Rocks, Fossils & Soils'. We will find out about different kinds of rocks and what they can be used for, explore a variety of soils and find out how they are formed, discover the fascinating world of fossils, as well as undertaking a variety of experiments to get our science skills rock solid!</p>	<p>We will begin the year by revisiting our E-Safety SMART Rules to ensure that the children are continuing to be responsible and safe digital citizens.</p>
Geography	Art/DT
<p>In our geography sessions we will explore volcanoes, one of the most fascinating phenomena in the world. We will discover where in the world volcanoes are found before looking at how and why volcanoes erupt. We will explore the positive and negative impact of eruptions on the environment.</p>	<p>Our art and design lessons will explore the amazing mosaics discovered in Pompeii. We will develop a wide range of art and design techniques through exploring the colour wheel, overlay materials for effect and create mosaics using different materials.</p>
Other:	Year Three Team
<p>The children will have ukulele lessons on a Friday morning. Our RE unit of work explores Hinduism and Diwali. PHSE (physical, health, social & economic education) is a focus throughout the school day, however discrete lessons will focus on feelings, emotions, conflict resolution & friendships.</p>	<p>Daley Class – Miss Jacklin, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Mowbray, & Mrs Todd Ennis Class – Mrs Morrow, Mr Ahmed & Mrs Wilson</p> <p>Ashley Linney from Funda Sports coaching will be working with both classes on Thursday afternoons.</p>
<p>To contact us, email: katejacklin@saltaireps.co.uk saramorrow@saltaireps.co.uk You can also ring and leave a message via the school office and we will get back to you ASAP.</p>	