

YEAR 3 PARENT NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 1

Hello and welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter and that the children are eager to return ready for another fun-filled and educational half term!

This half term, our topic is: **Eruptosaurus**. Please see our overview below:

What is this topic about?

Our learning this half term will centralise around the topics of 'Volcanoes' and 'Dinosaurs' hence **Eruptosaurus!** The unit will begin millions of years ago, looking at a simple pebble with a not-so simple life! The journey of how the pebble came to be today will take us through its adventures with dinosaurs and experience of a volcanic eruption! Using the fictional text, 'The Dinosaur's Diary', we will also look at the comical adventures of a dinosaur who finds herself transported into the 21st century!

Summer 1 Eruptosaurus!

Geography- Volcanoes and Earthquakes
(continued for about 5 weeks)

Science- Light & Dark

PSHE- Community

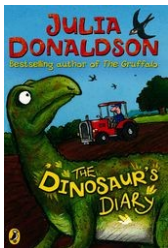
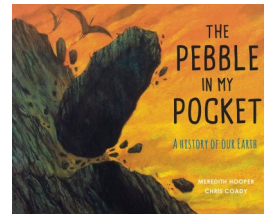
Indoor PE- Gymnastics

Outdoor PE- Cricket

Art/ DT - Flower Sculpture

Computing- Stop- frame animation

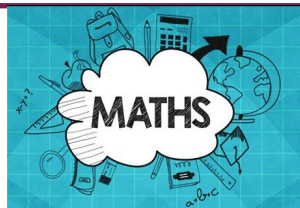
French- Le Reve de Mimi



Geography Week

This half-term, every year group will be completing a special Geography Week. Each year group will take a different country in Africa as their focus and then explore what we think we know about this continent.

This will take place on the week beginning 2nd May. You do not need to prepare anything for it but please make sure you ask your child what they have learned about Africa.



Maths Investigation Week

We will be taking part in a Maths Investigation Week this half-term, **starting 9th May**, for which your child will have the opportunity to apply their creativity and amazing year 3 learning to maths in a range of contexts.

We will be giving the children freedom to explore maths in this wide range of contexts in order to allow them to celebrate just how far they've come this year.

We are very proud of how much progress each and every one of them has made. Please make sure to ask them about Investigation Week to see what they have been learning.

KEY DATES

- 26th April: First day back for children
- 2nd May: Bank holiday
- 3rd May: Geography Week
- 9th May: Integrity Week
- 25th May: House event (Maths- times tables)
- 26th May: Talavera Treat
- 27th May: British Values Day/ Jubilee Celebration
- 27th May: Last day of term

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Online safety

Please make sure that you are continuing to support your child's online safety by ensuring you are aware of the content that they are consuming online. If you have any questions about how to keep your child safe, please talk to their class teacher.

Some children have found it difficult to understand the way that it is appropriate to talk on a public online platform, such as their Google Classroom account. This is a school account and we need the children to understand that this is good practice of how to be professional. Please help them to understand what is and isn't appropriate to share and say on this platform.

Please also monitor their use of apps such as WhatsApp to ensure that conversations are appropriate and safe. We thank you so much for your continued hard work to keep your child safe in an ever-changing online world.



MORNING SNACK

We recommend that your child has a mid-morning snack at break time to ensure they can learn effectively. Without this, children's energy levels drop noticeably resulting in reduced concentration. In line with our healthy school policy this can only be a piece of fruit or vegetable.



Please

P.E. Kit

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure your child has their PE kit in school from Monday to Friday. We continue to have a number of children unable to join in with PE and Games sessions because they haven't got their kit!



Homework:

Thank you for all the help and support you put into your child's learning throughout the Spring term! Below is a reminder of the year 3 homework:

- 1 x reading OR grammar activity sheet
- Online tasks set on Mymaths
- 5 spellings to be learnt for Friday's weekly test
- Times table flash cards (to be practised daily) and TT rockstars
- Reading (at least 3 times weekly)

Spelling Books and Reading Records will also be handed out to children. Please can you ensure that your child's reading record is signed at least 3 x weekly. **Thank you!**

HERE ARE SOME GREAT WEBSITES TO EXPLORE OUR TOPIC

www.nhm.ac.uk/kids-only/dinosaurs/

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b014m55k/clips

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/mountains/volcanoes.htm>