

## Year 3 Newsletter - Tremors

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I welcome you all back to a new school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and a well-deserved rest. Our topic this term is called 'Tremors' where Year 3 will be learning about all things pyrotechnic! You will have noticed that we have moved into a new and larger classroom over the break which is great and we still have some finishing touches to come.

During **English** the children will be writing their own stories. Our focus will be to encourage a greater emphasis on detail and description as well as encouraging pupils to paragraph and organise their writing.

In **Maths** we shall be using our place value knowledge for calculations and trying to get even speedier with our multiplication table facts. Also, we will be looking at shape and perimeter.

As **Historians** we will be studying the effects of a past volcanic episode and how we can learn from it. We will study the Vesuvius eruption which destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

In **ICT** we will become presenters, commenting on a current aspect of world news.

In **RE**, to support our spiritual and moral development, we will study Hinduism. In particular, the Festival of Diwali and comparing it to the celebrations of other religions.

To support the children's learning we will also have an

### Important Reminders

Please remember that we have swimming every Tuesday and PE every Thursday. Please ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days.

Finally please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to any of us to raise any further questions or queries. The staff team are in the class at study start and at the end of the school day but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see us to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

As **Scientists** we will be investigating how volcanoes and earthquakes occur and affect humanity. We will also examine the structure of the Earth.

In **Physical Education** we will be swimming on Tuesdays and playing tag-rugby on Thursdays.

### Home Learning

As always, reading at home with an adult will help raise the reading level for your child. Finding ten quality minutes to read would be a benefit to all.

If you would like to support your child's home learning then here are some possible ideas linked to our topic. You are welcome to be as creative as you like.

### Suggestions for project work:

- Make a volcano
- Design a mosaic from Pompeii
- Construct a working-model earthquake
- Discover the greatest eruptions and earthquakes
- Draw or make a globe to show where volcanoes are