

## Spring Curriculum Letter for Year 3 – January 2018

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We hope you have all had a good Christmas and New Year and would like to thank you for all the wonderful cards, gifts and festive wishes that we received.

We are writing to inform you of the topics your child will be studying this term. This term, most of your child's learning will be linked to our geography topics, Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes and a study of a region of the UK, which will involve making comparisons with our own region.



Below is an overview of what your child will be learning. It would be great if you could encourage your child to take an interest in the topics outside school, by visiting the library to read books about them and researching information on the internet.

<b><u>Numeracy</u></b> Maths this term will include partitioning numbers, column addition and subtraction, using multiplication facts, counting in fractions, equivalent fractions, graphs and charts, time, money and angles.	<b><u>Literacy</u></b> Our topic work linked to literacy will include Greek myths and legends, work based upon Fantastic Mr Fox, recounts and Non-chronological reports. We are also looking at traditional and performance poetry this term.	<b><u>God Matters</u></b> This term we will be learning about Revelation, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Throughout these areas we will be learning about First Holy Communion to support those children who are preparing for this.
<b><u>Science</u></b> This half term the topic is Rocks and Soils. After half term we will be looking at animals and humans.	<b><u>PE</u></b> On Mondays we have Indoor PE. This half term we are doing Dance. On Wednesday we have Outdoor PE. This half term we are learning handball. After half term, we move onto Athletics. Children must have full PE kit in school which is named for all activities, including a winter kit of jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt.	<b><u>Art/DT/Computing/Music</u></b> In Design and Technology the children will be designing and making a model volcano and in Art the focus will be on painting in the style of Matisse, Turner and O'Keefe. In Music we will be exploring rhythm, pitch and dynamics using instruments and composing soundtracks to movies. Computing will involve making short videos and looking at networks.

**Book Bags and Reading:**

Please make sure your child continues to read regularly at home. Reading is really important and in order to continue making progress, the children should be reading for around 20 minutes a night. The children will need to return reading diaries to school on a daily basis ready for guided reading sessions with the teacher. Each group reads once with the teacher over a 2 week period. We request a minimum of 3 diary entries per week to help us include home reading notes in our on-going planning and assessment. Reading diaries are looked at when the children have their group reading session with the teacher every two weeks. Please see us if you have any queries regarding reading and remind your child to change their reading book once completed – we will continue to do this too! Reading books should be in school daily as they are often used for reading activities and one to one reading.

**Homework:**

Homework will continue to be given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. As well as homework, please continue to support your child to learn their times tables. We have seen a big improvement in the children's times tables and they enjoy their weekly practice tests. Additionally children will bring home their weekly spellings on Friday for a test the following Friday. Please continue to support them with this.

**Water and fruit:** Children should have a bottle of water in school every day. In Year 3, children can bring their own fruit snack for break time. Please remember we are a nut free school.

**Coats, Hats, Gloves, and Scarves:** It is important that children wear a coat to school every day, especially as it is so cold at the moment. This, along with hats, gloves and scarves need to be named.

**Class Assembly:** Year 3 would like to invite you to their spring class assembly on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February beginning at 2.30pm in the school hall.

**School trip:**

We will be visiting Winchester Science Centre on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This will be linked to their topic and science work. They will be taking part in a 'Rocket and Forces' workshop, visiting the planetarium and exploring the exhibits in the centre. The cost of this trip will be approximately £20 and more details will follow nearer the time.

We also look forward to welcoming you to our next parents' evenings that are taking place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. However, if you have any questions or worries before then, feel free to come and see us at the end of the day. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2018!

Janice Walls and Carole Dayantis