

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2

We hope you and your family have an enjoyable break. Next half term is packed with exciting learning opportunities, fun events and celebrations that we can't wait to share with you. We look forward to discussing your child's progress and celebrating their achievements at the upcoming parents' consultations.

Our Geography Enquiry...

Our enquiry this half term will focus on Mount Vesuvius, exploring the question: "A house has just gone on the market at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. Would you buy it?" The children will use maps to locate Vesuvius and investigate the surrounding area, discovering why people choose to live there. They will learn about volcanoes, make their own model volcano and explore the benefits and risks of living nearby. To conclude our enquiry, the children will take part in a debate, using their learning to explain whether they would buy the house!



Key dates and important information:

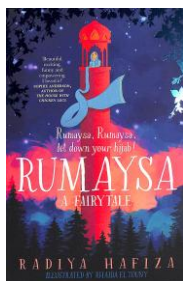
Date	Activity
Every Tuesday	Outdoor PE
Every Friday	Indoor PE
Every Friday	Spelling test and times tables test
Friday 13 th November	Light Up The Sky
Tuesday 1 st December – Friday 11 th December	Swimming intensive course – Holly class (refer to separate letter for further information)
Wednesday 2 nd December and Thursday 3 rd December	Parent consultation meetings
Tuesday 8 th December and Wednesday 9 th December	Staff pantomime
Thursday 17 th December	Carols on the Playground

Please remember to bring in reading folders and PE kits.

Our curriculum

English

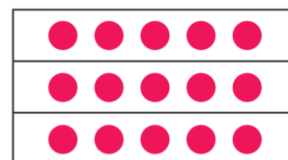
This half term, the children will explore Rumaysa, a magical fairy tale. They will write a diary entry from a character's perspective, describing events, thoughts and feelings using the first person and past tense. They will also create a wanted poster for the witch, using expanded noun phrases and carefully chosen adjectives to describe her appearance and personality. These activities will help the children develop their descriptive writing and explore different characters' viewpoints.



Mathematics

In our maths lessons, the children will continue to consolidate their understanding of addition and subtraction, using expanded column methods. Please refer to the calculation policy on the school website for guidance on supporting your child at home. The children will then move on to learning their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please encourage your children to practise their times tables daily on Times Tables Rockstars.

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$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

Science Enquiry

This term, students are exploring geology, comparing various rocks based on their appearance and characteristics. They will conduct their own investigations into fossils and their formation, while also learning about soil composition, predicting, observing and drawing conclusions.

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The children will be learning about The Bible. They will find out about the 10 commandments and how they relate to modern life for Christians.

PSHE

We will be understanding that it is normal to feel lonely at times and we will be identifying that help is available.

How to support your child at home with their learning this half term...

- Visit the Natural History Museum (it's free!) as it has an amazing section on rocks and fossils.
- Collect different rocks and try to identify them. You can use free rock identifying apps to help you.
- Daily reading is essential. Please ensure you complete the diary and have your book and reading diary in school every day.
- Continue to practise your 2,3, 5 and 10 times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.