

Our curriculum provides our children with inspirational opportunities that are relevant and generate a lifelong love of learning. We teacher life skills and opportunities to enable our children to be successful now and in the future. It is culturally relevant, engaging and full of celebration and pride.

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING THIS TERM

This term the children returned happy and ready to learn. For the first two weeks of term the children had a chance to learn about Growth Mindest and Learning Powers. They took some time to celebrate what they are good at and reflect on what they want to work on this academic year. In Maths teachers looked at misconceptions and gaps from the previous year and taught some 'catch-up' sessions on these areas. This academic year teachers are focussed on how they can support pupils who may have gaps in their learning. In order to make learning memorable and exciting, teachers are ensuring that they use high-quality teaching resources and plan opportunities for curriculum enrichment such as visitor and visits. We are also continuing to create language rich classrooms, where pupils develop their vocabulary and have lots of opportunities to learn through talk and oracy.

### **OUR LEARNING THIS TERM**

<u>Maths</u> This term in maths children have been working on place value and adding up to three digit numbers. They are gaining a deeper understanding of place value and numbers through visuals such as bar modelling and diagrams. During the first week, we used pictorial methods and we are now beginning to move on to abstract methods.

English

In English the children developed their reading and writing skills through reading the story of 'Escape from Pompeii'. They role played scenes from the book to really put themselves in to the shoes of the character. Following this, pupils composed diary entries and letters from the perspective of someone living in Pompeii when the eruption happened.

#### History and Geography – What makes the Earth angry?

This term we are focusing on developing our geography skills. In Topic lessons they have identified what the Earth is made out of. They have been able to label the parts of the Earth and were able to create amazing posters about the effects of volcanoes. Year 3 will have a visit to the Natural History Museum in November to learn more about this

Science We will be learning about different kinds of rocks-linking to our Geography unit. We will also learn about skeletons and muscles

<u>Art</u>

In the Art lessons, children are looking at Wassily Kandinsky and printing techniques. They have enjoyed finding patterns in the environment and researching their artist. In the coming weeks they will begin to create their own prints using different textures. RE

We have been looking at stories told by Jesus and Buddha. Children can explain what parables are and why Jesus told these.

## Key facts we are learning this term:

- A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust that allows magma, hot ash and gases to escape.
- The largest earthquake ever recorded in the world was in Chile in 1960.
- Printmaking is the process of transferring images or designs from one surface to another.
- Buddha and Jesus often told stories or parables to teach important life lessons
- There are 3 types of rock : metamorphic; sedimentary and igneous

#### **KEY TEACHERS IN THE YEAR** GROUP

Ms Hughes (3H Year group leader) Mr Ali 3A Miss McCusker 3M Miss Orme 3O

If you would like to speak to any member of staff then feel free to ask to speak with them at the school gates or send an email via school email address.

#### **PUPIL COMMENTS:** Zimal 3H I have enjoyed learning about rocks and volcanoes Mahadi 3H I have enjoyed basketball and Maths. I like learning new things. Alton 3H I enjoyed science and using magnifying glasses to look at rocks. Zahra 3M I enjoyed reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. Raisa 3M I have enjoyed learning how to join our letters up. Pedro 3M I enjoyed learning about hundreds, tens and ones.

KINDNESS HONESTY RESPECT



#### HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT AT HOME?

To help your child at home please ensure that they are read to or have read a book everyday. This is vital for their learning and progress.

To do this children can use their login to access Bug Club

Children can also practise their timetables on TTRockstars to improve their maths skills.

Children get regular homework, please support them to complete this.

To help children improve their handwriting and pace please regularly encourage your child to write using pen/ pencil and paper.

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Should you wish to contact Mr Williams or Mr Taylor or please contact Mrs Williams via the school office and she will arrange an appointment.

# WEBSITE & MOBILE APP:

Do check the school website & our school mobile app regularly. We are continually updating it with information for parents and classes current work. We are working towards being paperless so it is important that you know where to receive updates. www.centralpark.newham.sch.uk

