



Our theme this half term is where and why do volcanoes blow their top?

# Class 3NT - Spring term

**Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this term.**

## Spellings

Spellings will be handed out on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following week. Homework will also be set on a Monday.

## Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. Children will also be receiving book tasks that they are to complete in their homework books using a pencil. Reading books will then be changed once the task has been completed. Please could you discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record book?

## PE

Lessons will continue to take place on a Monday and/or Thursday. Please make sure your child follows the school PE kit policy, including tape to cover any earrings worn.

## Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Writing in the style of a suspense story
- Persuasive writing
- Report writing

We will also be looking at the story book, Escape from Pompeii, throughout our literacy lessons.

## Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Adding and subtracting numbers using mental strategies
- Written multiplication and division methods
- Problem solving

Your child shall continue developing their knowledge of the times tables. I would appreciate if you could support their learning by practising these times tables at home. Our main focus will be the x3, x4 and x8 times tables.

## Science

In Science we will be covering the unit 'Rocks'. This will include investigating the strength of different rocks and creating our own volcanic eruption. Children's learning in Science will be supported wherever possible by practical activities and investigations.

## RE / PSHCE

In R.E. we will be discussing, and celebrating, the significance of Easter. Our PSCHE lessons will continue to focus around why it is good to be different.

## History / Geography

Throughout our History and Geography lessons we will be focusing on how volcanoes are formed and famous eruptions, such as Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. We will use atlases and iPads to research and develop our understanding.

## Art / DT

Our Art and DT lessons will relate to our theme of Volcanoes. 3NT will be sketching volcano landscapes as well as building our own working version of a volcano. Also we will investigate the work of Andy Warhol.

## ICT / MFL

In ICT we will mainly be focusing on how to send and receive emails. We will also continue to further developing our word processing and presentation skills. Children will continue learning French taught by a specialist French teacher.

## Music/PE

In music, Class NT will be exploring how sounds can create images using various instruments. In PE, 3NT children's learning, and development of skills, will continue to be supported by the Pelican Park sport coaches.

## Lastly...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Leonard at the end of the day.