



Our theme this half term is why do volcanoes erupt?

# 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 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 discuss with** your child what they have read before signing their reading record book.

## PE.

Lessons will take place on a Monday or Thursday. Please make sure your child follows the school PE kit policy.

## 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

To access the new maths curriculum it is essential that children in year 3 know the times tables. I would appreciate if you could help their learning by practising their focus times table at home.

## Science

In Science we will be covering the units '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 the significance of Easter. Mrs Hudson shall be leading our PSHCE lessons.

## 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 develop** our word processing and presentation skills. Children will continue learning Mandarin Chinese taught by a teacher from Archbishop Sentamu Academy.

## Music/P.E

In music, Class NT will be exploring how sounds can create images using various instruments. In P.E, we will be continuing to develop our techniques in dance by applying them to a group sequence.

## Lastly...

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