

## Class 3 Newsletter – Term 5

To the friends and families of Class 3,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter holiday and that you are looking forward to the summer term!

Over the course of this term we will be learning the following...

**Topic:** Volcanoes – This topic will start with a bang from day one when the children will learn about different types of volcanoes and how they erupt, before creating their own volcano splat painting! Over the term, the children will study the structure of volcanoes, using their new knowledge of volcano features to make their own 3D models, which they will erupt on the playground! They will also learn that volcanoes can be active, dormant or extinct and they will research some of the world's most famous volcanoes, using their new knowledge to create fact posters to present to younger children. We look forward to sharing what we have learnt through a parent share event at the end of the term - a letter will be sent out nearer the time to confirm the date.

**Literacy:** The children will be further immersed into the volcanoes topic through their literacy, as they are going to be planning and writing their own volcano poems. They are going to be practising the skills of using alliteration, onomatopoeia and rhyming to make their poems fantastic! They will also be reading and studying the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. They will learn more about this historic event and empathise with characters in order to create diaries and new reports based on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD.

**Numeracy:** The children will continue to develop their mental maths skills through daily 'Brain Activate' group sessions before each lesson. They will be developing their skills of calculation in each of the four operations and applying them to solve problems. Later in the term, the children will develop their understanding of time and shape.

**Art:** This term the children will be studying volcano landscapes and using them to inspire the creation of their own landscape drawings. Once they have drawn their own volcano landscape, they will be adding tissue paper for colour and effect. Further in the term, the children will be looking at Islamic patterns and creating some of their own.

**Science:** Over the course of the term, the children will learn about rocks, soils and fossils. We have booked an exciting visit from 'Science off the Page' who will be leading an entire day of activities on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, during which the children will get to experience a range of hands-on activities based on the National Curriculum objectives for this unit.

**RE:** This term we are going to begin learning about Islam, beginning with studying the five pillars of Islam.

**Spellings and Handwriting:** The children will continue to receive a sentence of the week on Fridays, whilst also practising their spellings in the mornings and in spelling lessons. We will also be starting our exciting new handwriting scheme 'Kinetic Letters', which will take place four mornings a week during registration.

**Homework:** This will continue to be set on a Friday and will consist of a learning log project, maths, and a literacy or grammar task to consolidate or prepare children for the work we do in class. When set, homework will continue to be due in the following Wednesday, unless stated otherwise.

**Reading Records:** Well done to all those children who have continued to read five times a week during every term so far, keep it up! A special well done to those children who are becoming more enthusiastic readers as the year goes on ... there's still time to get those gold and platinum reading certificates! We will continue to check reading records on Mondays. If it has been forgotten that day, keep writing in it and we'll check it all the following Monday.

We're looking forward to another great term!

Best wishes,

Miss Connell, Mr Jones and Miss Denny ☺