

# Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2022

## Autumn Term

We hope that you had a wonderful half term break and feel refreshed and ready to begin a new half term! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, The Year 3 team

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### Geography

We are very excited to be studying all about Mountains and Volcanoes! We will be investigating a range of famous volcanoes, describe how mountains and volcanoes are formed and the impact of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions on the people around them. We will enquire into the reasons people choose to live near volcanoes and what benefits there are to living near a volcano.



### English

This half term, we will be starting with the wonderful book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward & Wayne Anderson, we will be creating persuasive arguments to convince people to reduce, reuse and recycle. After that, linked to our geography topic 'volcanoes', we'll be looking at 'The Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit - a book about the Mt Vesuvius eruption over 1900 years ago! At the end of the half term, our 'topic write' will focus be focused around our enquiry question Is it better to live in the Stone, Bronze or Iron Age? This is based on our prior learning and our educational visit - We'll be conducting debates and will summarise our learning by creating a balanced argument.



### Maths

This term we will be continuing our work on place value, written addition and subtraction methods before moving onto practical examples of multiplication and division as well as more formal written methods. We will focus on ensuring the children are confident using new techniques to multiply and divide as well as giving them the opportunity to problem solve and use their new learning in different situations! We will be continuing the weekly mental maths rocket test. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practise their maths facts and times tables. These will be posted on google classroom weekly.



### Science

Our science focus this term is *forces and magnets* where we'll become physicists and study various forces, measurements of forces and magnetic reactions. We'll explore the ways we know forces are acting upon us even if we cannot see the forces themselves. We will use our understanding of force to help us when researching earthquakes and volcanoes and the forces we can see in action!



### Music

We will be beginning this term with some work with Southwark Music Services. This will take place on Tuesday afternoons.



Rough daily timetable:	Dates for the diary:
9:10 - 9:40 Spellings and Reading 9:40 - 10:40 English BREAK 11:00 - 12.30 Maths LUNCH 1:30-2:30 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE 2:30-3:20 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE	PE days: 3LM - Monday and Tuesday 3CB - Tuesday and Thursday 3SB - Monday and Friday  On PE days, PE kits <u>must be</u> worn to school, especially trainers. If trainers are forgotten 3 times in a row, your child will receive a detention. Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate, comfortable and suited to the weather conditions that day.