

Year 3 Learning Web

Spring 1 2018

English Focus

- We will be looking at the story, **Escape from Pompeii**.
- The book contains some fantastic imagery and we will be using this to help us create a setting description for the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
- We will also be using this book to help us write diary entries from the perspective of one of the characters.
- We will then be looking at information texts and focusing on identifying their features. We will then be using this to help us write our own information texts about volcanoes.

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning challenge: Natural disasters

- In **Geography**, we will be finding out about natural disasters. Our main focus will be on volcanoes, so we will be learning about how volcanoes are formed as well as their structure.
- We will also be researching some famous volcanoes and locating these on a map, as well as briefly looking at earthquakes and other natural disasters.
- In **RSMSC**, we will be finding out about what it means to be a Christian in Britain today.

STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning challenge: Rocks and soils

- In **Science**, we will be focusing on rocks and soils. Using keys, we will be classifying different rocks and soils by making careful observations. We will then be taking a closer look at fossils, finding out what they are and how they are formed.
- In **Computing**, we will be creating a visual display. We will be learning to use the app Aurasma and exploring different ways of presenting information. We will also be continuing to develop our understanding of online safety.
- Our **PSHE** this half term will be focusing on dreams and goals.

Maths Focus

Key Areas of Learning:

- **Multiplication**
 - Recapping our 3, 4 and 8 times tables
 - Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using a formal method
- **Division**
 - Recapping division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables
 - Dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using a formal method
- When problem solving, we will be looking more closely at the reasoning behind our answers.
- We will be continuing to practise our times tables and completing the **99 Club**. Please help your child to learn their times tables.

Creativity

- In **Art and Design**, we will be looking at different sketching techniques. We will then be using these techniques to complete some fossil sketches.
- Our artist for the half term is Kandinsky, and we will be carrying out some separate activities linked to his work.
- In **DT**, we will be designing and making our own earthquake-proof buildings.
- In **Music**, we will be creating an eruption soundtrack.
- In **PE**, 3P will be continuing with their swimming lessons. We will also be continuing to practise our team games.

Ways you can help at home

- Read little and often each day. We will be reading for meaning and understanding. Ask lots of questions about the text and encourage the children to form opinions.
- Practise 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 times tables to learn them off by heart. Recognise the corresponding division facts.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in on time.
- Encourage your child to be independent and sort equipment for school themselves.
- Remind children to have a full PE kit in school all week.