

English

The stimulus for our writing this term is Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We will be looking at the features of chronological reports and a story. We will be planning, drafting and editing these. We will also be exploring persuasive letter writing. A big focus in Year 3 is spelling and handwriting.

Maths

This term we are focusing on place value and number. Throughout this we will be learning to partition 3 digit numbers and, learning a range of written methods for addition and subtraction. We will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 as well as reading and writing them in words. We will also be looking at maths problems, encouraging the children to apply their understanding

Science

We will be learning about volcanoes and the rock cycle; and will be grouping and classifying rocks based on their appearance. We will be learning the words 'igneous' and 'sedimentary' to describe them...using chocolate! We will be thinking about how rocks can be helpful to us.

Year 3 Topic Map

Trips & Visitors

As part of Crawley's film festival we will all be going to the cinema in November at Cineworld! If you are able to assist with this trip, please come and see us! We will also have a visitor joining us to engage children in Volcanoes, rocks and soils.



PSHCE and British Values

Our focus this term is keeping safe and healthy. We will be talking about how to keep ourselves safe whilst at home and out and about and what to do in an emergency. We will investigate what a healthy lifestyle means, including the benefits of exercise and personal hygiene.

Computing

We will be using search engines to research volcanoes and taking a wander round Pompeii using Google earth. The children will also be learning how to write algorithms (instructions) using apps such as Scratch and CargoBot.

Foundation Subjects

In geography we will be identifying where earthquakes and volcanoes occur in the world and plotting these onto a world map. We will research why people choose to live near volcanoes and will make our own class volcano (and of course, make it erupt!).

In art we will be developing our observational skills through sketching.

In PE we are playing football and tag rugby, focusing on our passing and dribbling skills.

How you can help at home

- Continue to read with your child at home, this can be listening to your child read to you, as well as reading more challenging stories to them and chatting about what you have read.
- Visit the library to see what books you can find about earthquakes and volcanoes.
- Stay up to date with the home learning.
- Practise mental maths using: www.ttrockstars.com
- Practise spelling and grammar: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

