



Year 3 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1: Mon 5 Jan - Fri 13 Feb

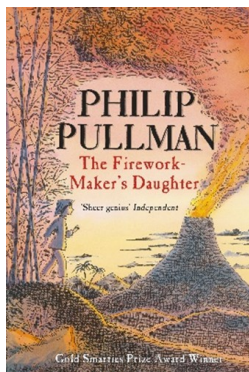


Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. Firstly, thank you all so much for the lovely gifts that Mrs Gostling and I received - they were very generous. This is going to be another busy half term with lots for the children to look forward to! Here's what we'll be getting up to:



Geography: Our Geography topic this term focuses on Italy and Volcanic activity. We will begin by using our map skills to expand our knowledge of European countries before zooming in on the Campania region in Italy. We will think like geographers to explore the link between tectonic plates and the frequency of earthquakes and volcanoes. We will look at Mount Vesuvius, its formation and features and the surrounding land use. We will then hold a debate to question why we think that people would live near to a Volcano.

Art: We have an art unit this half term based on the Japanese artist Hokusai. The children will create their own prints, inspired by 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' using string blocks. We will then be experimenting with the art of origami and creating a 3D paper sculpture.



English: The focus for this term will be the book, 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We will be learning to write our own narrative with sequential structure and how to improve our descriptive writing of characters and settings using expanded noun phrases. We will continue to expand our range of co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions in our writing and introduce the use prepositions to express place and time. We will practise using inverted commas to punctuate speech and use the correct tense consistently.

Maths: In maths, we will be deepening our skills within multiplication and division with a focus on the formal written methods for these types of calculations. We will also continue to work on our mental methods on a Wednesday with Ms Daykin-Pont. Once we have mastered multiplication and division, we will be looking at measurement, mass and capacity.

Science: What do Forces do? In this topic, we will be learning all about forces and magnets and investigating what effects forces have on moving objects. We will observe how magnets attract or repel each and be able to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials based on whether they are magnetic or not.



RE: In RE we will be looking at the creation story in more detail. We will be thinking about temptation and what the creation story teaches Christians today.

Just a note in terms of homework, we will continue to encourage the children in their reading, and a reminder that they can change their reading books at any time whilst at school. Children are encouraged to practise their timetables on TT rocks daily, to build fluency and confidence. Log ins were handed out last term. This will greatly assist them as they move towards Year 4 and their multiplication check. PE this half term will be focused on dance and will continue to be every Tuesday and Wednesday so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. You can give me a call, send an e mail to the office, or have a quick chat on the playground.

Many thanks, Mrs. Beecroft