

Year 3 Lent 2 Newsletter

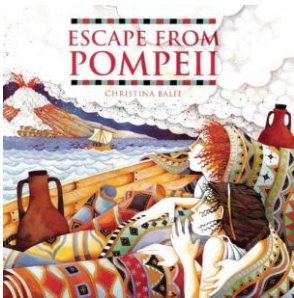
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this next exciting half term.

English

This half term as writers, we will be writing a range of genres based around our topic theme, Volcanoes.

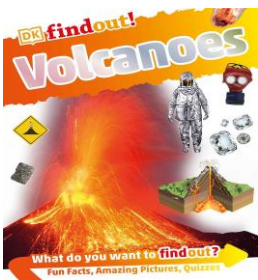
This half term as writers, we will be focusing on:

Fiction



We will look at this re-telling of the class story and attempt to write our own versions of the story.

Non-fiction



We will write a non-chronological report on volcanoes. We will also continue to use paragraphs in our writing.

Maths

In Maths, this half term we will be using White Rose Maths.

As Mathematicians, we will be focusing on:

- Length and perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and capacity

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on our mathematical vocabulary and our reasoning skills. White Rose models and supports children's learning in instilling a growth mindset approach to maths and will focus on helping all children to build a deep understanding of maths concepts. The mastery programme is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and nurture confidence in maths.

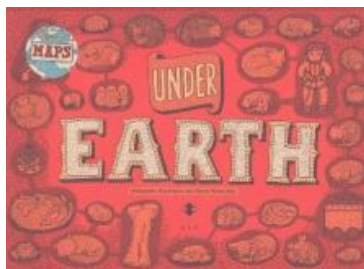
RE

Our focus for RE this half term will be **Listening and Sharing** and **Giving All**.

The Giving All topic looks at the sacrifices we make to follow in Christ's footsteps.

The Listening and Sharing topic looks at the wonders of the Eucharist.





SCIENCE – What’s beneath our feet? A look at how Earth was formed as well as its different types of rocks and fossils.

LQ1	What’s the difference in rocks?
LQ 2	How are rocks formed? How can we find out how hard a rock is?
LQ 3	Rock survey around school
LQ 4	How are fossils formed?
LQ 5	How is soil formed and how is it different?
LQ 6	Why is Mary Anning so important?

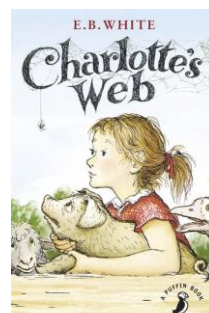
Geography – What makes the Earth angry? A look into volcanoes and how and why they erupt.



LQ1	What’s under our feet?
LQ 2	What makes a volcano and where are they found?
LQ 3	Can you make your own volcano?
LQ 4	What makes the earth angry?
LQ 5	Where is Mount Etna?
LQ 6	How big is Mount Etna and what can people do on it?

Guided Reading

Our Guided Reading text for this half term is *Charlotte’s Web* by EB White. As readers, we will be reading this text as a class and answering a range of different questions relating to this text. We will be paying particular attention to interpret questions and considering the author’s choices to support our understanding of the text.



How can you help?

Weekly Homework – Please note: log-in details can be found stuck inside Homework diaries.

- Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday. If you have any trouble accessing homework online or would prefer a paper copy, please let me know and I can arrange this for you.
- Every 2 weeks your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on a Friday morning. Please practise these spellings with your child at home!
- Spelling Shed – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home, there are certificates and rewards for children who access this! If your child has misplaced their login, please let me know.
- TT Rockstars – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home too, it is extremely important that they regularly practice and apply their multiplication and division knowledge.
- Remember to read every night with your child and sign their diary too!

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions about your child’s learning or progress, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Boardley