

Dear parents of Year 3,

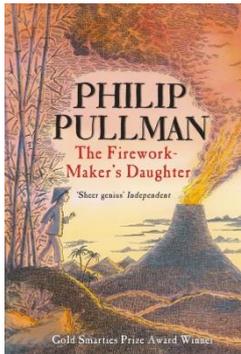


Welcome back after what we hope has been a restful and enjoyable break. As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has sunscreen and a sunhat when necessary.

A reminder that healthy snacks and bottles should be in named containers. In addition, please also remember to name school and sports' clothing, particularly school jumpers, as it makes rehoming them easier.

Literacy

Our literacy and language genres for this half term are a mystery story called 'Smash and Grab' by John Dougherty and non-chronological reports. We will explore features of mystery stories, including how the author creates suspense by leaving clues and examine how authors build interest by *showing* rather than telling. Throughout this unit we will also revise carefully chosen adverbs, and how these create accurate images in the reader's mind. Within our non-chronological reports, we will examine structure and features and review our understanding of alphabetical order. In addition we will study word families, sentence types and tenses.



In reading comprehension this half term, children will be reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We continue to focus on developing new vocabulary, inference, explanation and prediction.

Literacy homework will continue as before. The blue homework book will begin on Wednesday 18th April.

When reading school books at home, continue to read and sign the reading record at least 5 times a week to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token.

New spelling lists for this half term have been stuck in green spelling books and handed out this week. Please continue to practise these each week and hand in on a Monday for checking. Spelling tests from the end of last term can be found at the back of their books. Please could children revise any misspelt words underlined in green pen.

Maths

This term, we will:

- *practise telling the time using analogue and digital clocks, and learn how to convert digital times between the 12hr clock and the 24hr clock,
- *revise the calculation methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication, and use them to solve word problems involving money,
- *identify right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles,
- *use the terms parallel, perpendicular, horizontal and vertical to describe lines,
- *name and describe 2D and 3D shapes, and learn how to find the perimeter of 2D shapes,
- *draw and read information from picture graphs and bar graphs.

We will have a mini-test every two weeks, on a Monday, and our weekly times table test will also be on a Monday this term.

Please continue to practise times tables at home.

Maths Homework will continue as before, with the first practice test sheet coming home on Wed 25th April.

Science



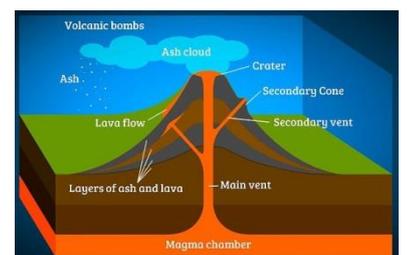
In Science this half term with Mr Pavey we will be learning about light, how it moves and reflects.

Miss Morton will continue teaching Spanish lessons.

Topic and Class Trip

In our topic focus days we will learn about volcanos and earthquakes, which you will hear about in our sharing assembly towards the end of this half of term.

Our trip to Seaton Jurassic Centre and Beer Quarry Caves is on Wednesday 18th March, and appropriate comfortable clothing (layers please) and footwear such as trainers or walking boots will be required. Specifically, warm clothes will be needed for the quarry caves which are cool all year round. Please bring a small rucksack containing a waterproof coat and a packed lunch.



As ever, please feel free to contact us when needed.

Mrs Berrisford and Miss Morton