

# St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

**Year Group: 3 Term: Spring Class Teacher: Mrs Hassoun & Miss Grindell Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Our topic this term is **Volcanoes and Earthquakes**

Here is the information for our learning in the Spring term:

**Reading:** Please find time to read with your child every day for around 20 minutes and ensure you sign and date their reading record. You should ask your child questions about the book they are reading too. We will aim to read with your child at least once a week in school. This will be by the class teacher, a teaching assistant or a parent reader. It is crucial that your child gets into the habit of bringing their reading folder with reading book and reading record every day even if they are a free reader. The children will change their books themselves when they have finished reading them.

**Homework:** Homework and spellings are set on a Friday and due back in on Wednesday. There will be two pieces of homework set, each from two different subjects. Spelling homework will vary according to the child's spelling group and is due on Thursdays.

**Handwriting:** Handwriting sessions will continue in Year 3 and the emphasis will remain on making sure that the letters are accurately formed, that they rest neatly on the line and of the correct size. Children will be encouraged to join their letters but only when they are ready and not before letter construction is mastered.

**Maths:** Maths is taught daily and this year we will continue with our Maths Mastery programme. Units covered this term will be multiplication and division, time and fractions. We will also focus on persistence when working on problems and the correct use of mathematical vocabulary. Times-tables should continue to be learnt with the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times-tables as a priority as well as number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100. It is essential that times tables and number bonds are learnt mentally by the end of Year 3 and is something that should be worked on at home as well as in school.

**English:** In Literacy, we will start by looking at explanation texts based on our research into Volcanoes. We will also investigate different types of poetry including haiku, tanka and kennings. We will also work on spelling patterns and grammar in class. The lessons are planned around books from the Power of Reading scheme, The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper & Chris Coady; The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo.

**Science:** Our first topic is 'Light and Shadow. We will be looking at sources of light, how shadows are made and the positive and negative effects of the sun. Over the next half term, we will focus on forces and magnets.

**Computing:** In ICT, we will be coding. Some of the sessions will focus on Mathletics, something the children should also be using at home where possible. Their mathletics logins and J2E passwords can be found in the children's homework books. If they are lost please speak to the teacher and we will print off the logins again.

**Art:** Art will be more focused around our D.T. project where we will be making models of volcanoes and even watching them explode!

**History/ Geography:** We are focusing on Geography this term particularly looking at how our earth works, using maps to locate volcanoes and investigating extreme events caused by movements in the earth.

**PSHE/Circle time:** the focus will be on building the children's social skills; giving the children the tools they need to work together as a team as well as talking about how to play together safely and being happy in the playground.

**PE:** Your child will be expected to bring in a PE kit to remain in school for the half term. We will send home PE kits in the last week to be washed over the holidays. The children will be taught PE on a Wednesday and Friday morning.

**RE:** We will be looking at Buddhism in the first half term and thinking more deeply about the Easter story in the second half of the Spring term.

**Music:** In Music, the children will be preparing to take part as on-stage choir at the Classical Roadshow on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Cadogan Hall in a performance of Dreamtime Tales. They will also be looking at Chinese music and the pentatonic scale, and learning a round about volcanoes. Mrs Ostler will also be running weekly KS2 singing assemblies for hymn practice.

**French/ Mandarin:** will be teaching the children French on Friday. Whilst Mandarin will be taught on a Tuesday (3G) and Wednesdays (3H)

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