



GRESTONE ACADEMY

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Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year Three this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is **Tremors** and the main focus will be on volcanoes. This will include looking at what volcano is, the different parts of a volcano and how a volcano erupts.

Memorable Experience:

The children will be taking part in a rock hunt in their local area to find different types of rocks to introduce the topic.

English:

The children will begin by looking at a report, moving on to writing their own report about famous volcanoes. After this they will move onto the explanation genre, writing an explanation about how a volcano erupts. Lastly, they will be looking at the narrative genre and produce a narrative based on *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

Maths:

In maths the children will be covering:

- **Number – addition and subtraction**
- **Geometry – properties of shapes**
- **Number – multiplication, division Number and place value**
- **Measurement – time**
- **Number – ordering numbers**

Science:

The children shall be exploring different types of soils and rocks by investigating and experimenting using these materials.

Geography:

Year Three will be learning about the 3 main different types of rocks within the ground. As well as this they will be looking at the different layers of the Earth

History:

The children will be using labelled diagrams, recounts, stories, diaries and pictures to illustrate understanding about historical events and famous people.

Computing:

The children will be using search engines to research famous volcanoes to find information for their report.

Music:

The children will be focussing on learning the songs from the nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action'.

Art and design:

The children will be looking at using oil pastels and blending colours to produce a volcanic village scene.

P.E.:

The children will be focussing a dance sequence this term. They will be learning the dances to the songs from the nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action'.

Homework:

Each week the children will receive:

- 1 piece of reading comprehension homework
- 1 piece of maths homework
- A list of 10 spellings

All homework will be given out of Friday and collected the following Friday.

Spelling tests will also take place on a Friday.

Reading

Children need to read each night and a comment/signature should be recorded in their Home/School contact book. This will be monitored weekly by class teachers.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Shield, Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. Sansi, Miss Dcaccia and Miss Mason