

Our topic is: OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

English

Our power of reading book this term is 'The Pebble in my Pocket', a fascinating book focusing on a scientific adventure through the history of the earth. We will use the book as a stimulus to produce pieces of writing across a variety of genres, including a non-chronological report, a formal letter and a newspaper report.

Maths

This term we are continuing with multiplication and division. After this, we will begin exploring length and perimeter, building on the children's knowledge from Year 2.

Science

Rocks and fossils is our focus this term, looking at comparing and grouping rocks on the basis of appearance and physical properties. The children will understand how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

Geography

The children will focus on key aspects of physical geography, including volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados and climate zones. The children will also explore, latitude, longitude, Equator, hemispheres, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones.

Music

The children will read and respond to chanted rhythm patterns, and represent them with stick notation (crotchet, quaver, crotchet rest) and create and perform their own chanted rhythms with the corresponding stick notation.

PE

Fitness with Miss Watts and Miss Green.

Hockey with ITFC.

Home learning expectations

- **TT Rockstars** – 5 minutes, 4 times a week
 - **Reading** – 15 minutes, 3 times a week.
 - Weekly short summary in reading records. Reading records need to be brought in on your child's reading day.
 - **Spelling Shed** – twice a week.
 - **Spelling practice**—once a week
- Spelling books to be brought in on Mondays.

Year 3 will be visiting the library every **Wednesday afternoon**. If they would like to change their book, they must bring their old library book in on this day so Mrs Bray can swap it for a new one.

Key Dates

6th February– Internet safety day

15th February - Year 3 trip to ROARR

We will be leaving early on this day. Please arrive at school at 8am for an 8:30am departure time.

16th February—Last day of term. We return to school on Monday 26th February

Art

The children will use paint to create a background on fabric, mixing colours to create different hues, tints and dilutions. They will also explore using thread and stitching to create textural marks over the top of their painted canvas, creating interesting marks which reflect their response to the landscape.

DT

This term, we will be designing and creating volcanoes. We will also be 'erupting' the volcanoes once the children have made them.