



Year 3 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 3 team hope you have had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas holiday. Would like to welcome the children back to school to start the new term with our exciting topic of Volcanoes and Earthquakes.

To conclude our Roman topic, we will be visiting Arbeia Roman Fort and inviting parents/carers into school for a Celebration afternoon where you will be able to see your child's work and take part in some fun activities. To start off the new term, we will be building upon the children's previous knowledge of Douglas Bader to ensure they are aware of their local community's history.

In the Spring Term will be learning all about the 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. This will involve the children learning about how earthquakes occur, how volcanoes are formed and they will look at some case studies of these events around the world. In English, we are using 'KrindleKrax' as our class text. We will be writing newspaper reports, recounts and a narrative to develop the children's writing skills.

As a school, we are continuing with our home reading initiative - 'Read for the Stars'. This involves the children reading at home and working their way to the sun to receive a reward from Mr Hodgson! Last year, we had a few children who reached the sun, we are looking forward to the rest of the children showing the same level of commitment and enthusiasm. To promote reading at home will also be starting a 'Bedtime Reading Box', this involves a child being chosen to take the box and bear home. They can then enjoy the stories inside the box over the weekend and be returned on Monday.



PE

Children have one weekly PE lesson and will also have a daily activity called - Wake Up Shake Up. This will happen at the start of the school day and has proven to improve both physical and mental health, and boost attainment.

PE is on Tuesdays for both Year 3 classes. Please ensure that children have the correct kit in school. PE kit is a plain green t-shirt and plain shorts or joggers. PE kits should be left in school and taken home at the end of each half term. Earrings must be removed for PE.



Home Learning

Reading will form a large part of home learning in Year 3. Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week (remember this will count towards your reading rocket challenge!)

Children will also receive spellings and times tables/number facts to learn and consolidate. These will be sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Children will also receive logins to Timestables Rockstars and Spelling Shed to support their home learning. On Timestables Rockstars, children are now competing against other classes to obtain the most points. As children increase their usage, they can check on the Bader Leaderboard!



Thankyou,
Mrs Smith, Miss Weir, Mrs Watson and Mrs Charnock