

Class 3 Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a lovely, peaceful Christmas. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching Class 3 last term and look forward to working in partnership with you this half term.

Topic

This half term's topic has a geography focus. We will explore the question 'What makes the Earth so angry?' and will find out about extreme weather, earthquakes and volcanoes.



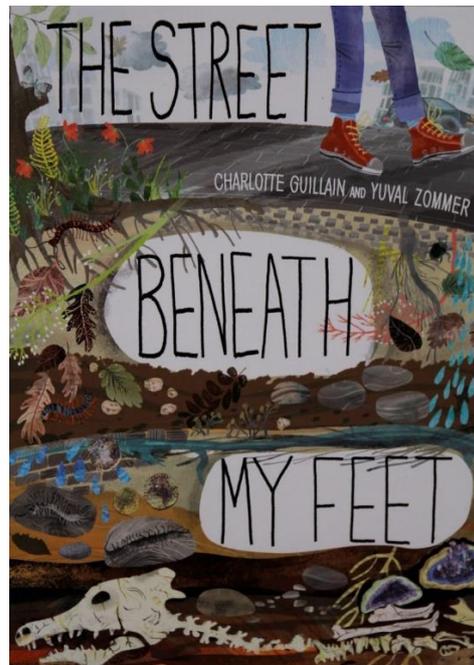
Science Rocks

The Chemistry topic will provide the children with opportunities to do the following:

- Give examples of natural and human-made rocks
- Group rocks by their properties and identify simple similarities and differences
- Explain the difference between a bone and a fossil
- Explain how soil is formed

English

This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction texts and, in particular, non-chronological reports. We will be reading *The Street Beneath my Feet* by Charlotte Guillain. We will also be reading *The Pebble in my Pocket: A History of our Earth* by Meredith Hooper.



Key Writing Genres:

- Non-chronological reports

Spelling, punctuation and grammar focus:

- Headings and sub-headings for presentation
- Homophones
- Word families for meaning, word class and spelling

Mathematics

Topic Area focus:

Measurement

- Measure and compare length in any direction (m/cm/mm)
- Measure and compare mass (kg/g)
- Measure and compare volume/capacity (l/ml)
- Measure the perimeter of simple 2D shapes
- Add and subtract amounts of money to give change (£/p)

Religious Education

Unit of work:

- *Called by God*

The children will interpret stories and identify Christian beliefs.

PSHE

Getting on and falling out

The children will learn about friendship, respecting another person's point of view and resolving conflict.

Times tables test

Tests will continue to take place weekly.

Spelling test

Tests will continue to take place weekly.

I intend for the topics and curriculum coverage that was planned for this half term to still go ahead but in a format that is adapted for on-line learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Best wishes,
Mrs Parkin