English

In English this half term we will be looking at stories from familiar settings. Children will explore settings in depth and focus on advancing their descriptive vocabulary. They will be given the opportunity to portray characters within different settings through drama. We will also be working on different types of poetry and report writing. We will use this opportunity to link these with our Geography topic of 'What makes the Earth angry?' Children will be given spellings to learn every week and a spelling sheet will be provided for them to write their spellings on each day. Our Narrative book this half term is Flood by Alvaro F. Villa.

Maths

Children will be working on 'number'. This will include place value, ordering numbers and learning their number bonds. Children will be exploring a variety of methods, including pictorial interpretations, to demonstrate their knowledge of place value. Children will also be completing sequences and writing numbers in words and numerals. Children will also focus on using and applying addition and subtraction methods, which will include both mental and written strategies. They will continue to learn their 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times table, and the corresponding division facts.

Geography

What makes the Earth Angry?

Our topic this half term is 'What makes the Earth angry?' The children will be learning about the impact of natural disasters. The main focus will be looking at famous volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and severe weather. We will also be looking at the location of these using atlases and digital maps.

What you can do at home:

Go to the library and borrow books on volcanoes, tsunamis, earthquakes and severe weather. Discuss with your child any knowledge you have on the impact of severe weather e.g. Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Katrina.

R.E

Signs and symbols

Throughout our RE topic this half term, we will be focusing on Signs and Symbols. We begin with exploring different signs and symbols that are used around the world. We will then look at how symbols have a special meaning to a person. We will then look at ways that other things can be special e.g. a special meal. Further in to the topic, we will explore metaphors of god e.g. God is the light of the world. We will explore different parts of the bible that show a range of signs and symbols to us.

Year 3 Home/School Sheet

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<u>Science</u>

What do rocks tell us about the way the Earth was formed?

This term children will be exploring rocks and soils. They will explore the various types of rocks and their uses. They will also investigate which type of rock is hardest and will have the chance to create their own versions of various rock types.

<u>DT</u>

Volcanoes

This half term the children will be designing and making their own working volcanoes. We will need to collect ideas for purpose and audience and discuss the most appropriate materials and tools to use. Our final projects will be presented in our Year 3 Assembly.

<u>Music</u>

Ukuleles every Monday

<u>PE</u>

Year 3 will have PE every Friday

Remember a healthy snack for playtime.

Keep an eye on the news! What is happening around the world?

<u>ICT</u>

Digital Communications and the web

This term we will look at creating a podcast. This unit is about creating simple Audio podcasts using Audacity to communicate creative ideas about the Angry Earth. .