

Geography

This term, children will learn about the Earth's layers, how mountains and volcanoes form and the role of tectonic plates. They will explore the impact of earthquakes and volcanoes, considering their risks and benefits. Finally, they will develop fieldwork skills by observing, recording and identifying different rock types.

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about the Christian belief that Jesus is the Son of God and that his birth was a very special event celebrated at Christmas. Through the theme "*Special Journeys*," the children will explore the story of the Nativity, including the journeys made by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the shepherds to the stable, and the Wise Men following the star.

PE— This term , our PE is handball and rainforest dance.

Computing -

This term, children will learn to create stop-frame animations using tablets, experimenting with different techniques. They will then use these skills to create a story-based animation and enhance it by adding other media, such as music and text.

PSHE— This half term in PSHE, the children will be learning about how to build and maintain positive friendships, how to recognise and respond to bullying and what makes a relationship safe and respectful.

They will discuss what it means to be a good friend, how our actions and words can affect others and how to ask for help if something feels unkind or unsafe. The children will also learn about personal boundaries and the importance of showing kindness, respect and empathy in all their relationships — both in school and outside of it.

Year Group: 3

Term: Autumn 2

Why do people live near volcanoes?

Maths

This term, children will build on their addition and subtraction skills, focusing on solving problems involving three-digit numbers. They will practice using formal methods for addition and subtraction, including carrying and borrowing. Children will also learn how to estimate answers and check their calculations to ensure accuracy.

Science

This term, children will explore forces, including pushes, pulls, twists and the difference between contact and non-contact forces. They will investigate friction, magnetism and how magnets attract and repel.

Through scientific inquiry, they will learn to use arrows to show force direction, conduct fair tests, record results accurately in charts and use multiple sources to research questions.

Art

This term, children will develop their drawing skills by exploring shapes, shading and texture. They will learn to create light and dark contrasts, use frottage techniques for texture and experiment with different tools to produce expressive and abstract artwork.

English

This term, children will read and write a Greek myth, focusing on the story of **Icarus and Daedalus**. They will explore how Daedalus, a skilled inventor, created wings for his son Icarus to escape from Crete. Despite his father's warnings, Icarus flew too close to the sun, causing the wax in his wings to melt and he fell into the sea.

Children will also create a non-chronological report on various Greek legends, learning about gods, heroes and mythical creatures while exploring their moral lessons and key symbols.