





Year Three Newsletter Summer 1 2025

Welcome back! It's lovely to see everyone back in school after the Easter break. We have an exciting half term planned with lots of interesting and engaging activities that we are sure will help the children to settle in quickly.

Our topic this half term is Rocks, Rumbles & Relics. We will explore the topic through the majority of our curriculum areas.

Our Learning Theme	Important Dates	PE
 Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.	Wednesday 30th April: FOSPS Colour Run Monday 5th May: May Day - School Closed Monday 19th May: White Scar Caves Visit. Wednesday 21st May: Class Photograph Friday 23rd May: School Closes Spring Bank Holiday	 PE this half term will be replaced with daily swimming lessons. Please ensure that your child comes to school equipped with everything that they need to participate in these lessons. A robe or Oodie, sliders/crocs, hair bobbles/clip, hair towel (for long hair).
Learning Log	Homework	
Our Learning Log this term will be based on our Rocks, Relics and Rumbles topic. It will be sent home on 28th April and can be worked on throughout the summer term including the half term holiday and into the next half term and returned in the week beginning the 30th July .	Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly on a Monday. Please help your child to practise them at home ready for a spelling test the following week. Maths homework in the orange White Rose workbooks will continue to be sent home every two weeks. In addition, we expect children to be accessing Times Tables Rock Stars from home to support the learning of their times tables and division facts. We would also ask that you continue to read to and with your child at home.	
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science:
In English we will begin the half term by diving into poetry with a focus on earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis! We will then move on to news reports and diary entries based upon our focus text <i>Escape from Pompeii</i> by Christina Balit. This is a fantastic, illustrated book that links beautifully to our geography, history and science topics.	The children will be continuing to build their understanding of fractions. They will learn how to find equivalent fractions and how to count in fractions. We will then learn how to add and subtract fractions. After mastering fractions, children will move to working with mass and capacity. They will use scales to find amounts and measure, add, subtract and compare mass and capacity.	Our science unit this half term is 'Fossils & Soils'. We will investigate fossils and soil and how they are formed. We explore a variety of soils, discover the fascinating world of fossils and undertake practical work during a field trip to White Scar Caves to make sure our understanding is 'rock solid'
Oracy- What happened in Pompei and how do we know? Please use sentence stems to encourage your child to speak in full sentences. "I thinkbecause...." "I believe thatdue to...." "My understanding isbut you make a good point." "I agree /disagree with....because...".		
Humanities		Computing
In our geography sessions we will explore volcanoes, one of the most fascinating phenomena in the world. We will discover where in the world volcanoes are found before looking at how and why volcanoes erupt. We will explore the positive and negative impact of eruptions on the environment and why people would choose to live near a volcano. We will also find out about the famous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 and its impact on the surrounding area.		Children will be using computers to conduct their own research into volcanoes. We are also going to explore how to use stop-frame animation to create an erupting volcano animation.



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Other:	Year Three Team
<p>PSHE: The children will be focussing on valuing difference and British Values.</p> <p>RE: This half term's focus is going to be exploring creation stories from a range of religious beliefs. Our aim will be to discover how they shape our views of the world. We will aim to identify links between creation stories and how they inform us how to behave within our world.</p> <p>Music: The children will continue to take part in brass lessons each Tuesday morning with Mr Smith.</p> <p>French: The children will begin to learn to talk about foods that they like and dislike, after consolidating their knowledge of months of the year and learning how to talk about their birthday.</p>	<p>Mrs S Morrow - Ennis Class Teacher Miss S Woolley and Mr A Feather - Daley Class Teachers</p> <p>Miss F Nawaz -Student Teacher- Ennis Class Miss N Baldwin- LSA Daley Class</p> <p>This Half term SPS University activities are: Group 3A : Sports - Mr Feather Group 3B : Art - Miss Brett</p>