

Y3 Autumn Term 2 2017	The Big Question...
Topic... Violent Volcanoes	When does a volcano blow its top?



Texts we could read to support our understanding...

- National Geographic Kids Everything Rocks and Minerals: Dazzling Gems of Photos and Info That Will Rock Your World
- The Rock Factory: A Story About Rocks and Stones
- Rock & Fossil Hunter
- Violent Volcanoes (Horrible Geography)



As Historians we will...
(there is no history topic this half term)

As Scientists we will...
be studying the different types of 'Rocks and Soils' and their uses. We will look at how they are classified and their different properties.

As Artists we will...
be focusing on painting skills this half term. We will be learning about primary colours and will be colour mixing to create tints, tones and moods.

As Geographers we will...
be exploding with knowledge all about volcanoes. We will be looking at the human and physical impacts of these.

As Computer Scientists we will...
be creating our own databases and analysing the information.

As Technologists we will...
get our creative juices flowing, exploring different shapes and size packages, creating and evaluating our own nets.

As Thinkers in RE we will...
be looking at creation from the Christian and the Islamic perspective. We will look at the key beliefs of these religions and move into the Christian celebration of Christmas.

As Linguists we will...
be learning the vocabulary for common classroom objects and the French nativity.


As Musicians we will...
be continuing to explore descriptive sounds in music and learning songs for our Christmas production. We will continue our work on the glockenspiel and compose our own piece of music.

As Thinkers in PSHE we will...
be keeping safe, thinking about how germs are spread and how to prevent disease and infection. We will also be continuing Philosophy for Children looking at Bonfire Night and the build up to Christmas. We will continue to get ready to learn using peer massage.

As Sportspeople we will...
be finding our inner rhythm, exploring some dance sequences. We will also be developing our attacking and defending skills in games. Year 3 will be continuing to make a splash at Waves this half term.

As global citizens we will...
be learning how to get on with each other and how to deal with friendship issues. We will find out how to be safe on Bonfire Night.

In Literacy we will....
be creating our own adventure stories using Talk for Writing techniques. We will hot seat the characters from our stories and use drama to inspire our innovations. We will be looking at some exciting bonfire poems and writing our own using similes and alliteration inspired by this time of the year.
We will also take part in guided reading to develop comprehension and appreciation skills; we will also develop spelling. New spellings will continue to be tested each Monday.

In Maths we will....
mentally add and subtract numbers from a 3-digit number; learn formal written methods of column addition and subtraction; solve a range of addition and subtraction word problems; multiply and divide 2-digit numbers using appropriate strategies; recall multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8 x; draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them; identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines. 

Websites to support topic learning at home...

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils/read/
- <http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/volcanoes/>
- <http://interactivesites.weebly.com/rocks-and-minerals.html>

Places for family visits...

- Seven Stories
- Whitley Bay Library
- Hancock Museum

Reading every night will help my fluency and comprehension. Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Thursday unless specified.

Please help me practise x tables, + facts and number bonds every week too!