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YEAR 3 – AUTUMN TERM 2 – Volcanoes!



English

In English this term, Year 3 will be looking at Poetry based around Autumn and Winter. This will involve an Experience Day of going on a 'Welly Walk'! We will also be writing a Narrative based around the book, *Escape from Pompeii*. Children will have explicit Grammar and Spelling lessons to help us develop our writing, along with interactive games from Spelling Shed. In Reading, we are continuing last term's book 'The Stolen Spear', where we will be focusing on our fluency and comprehension.

Maths

This term, we will be focussing on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Children will continue to use the column method to work out 3 digit by 3 digit addition and subtraction questions using exchanging. They will also begin to look at Multiplication and Division with a focus on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

In Science, we will be learning all about light, the different light sources and what is natural and artificial. We will be looking at how shadows are formed, the size and how they change. We will be asking scientific questions about how reflection is caused and trying to answer our questions using torches and experiments.

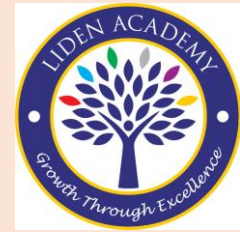
Computing

This term we will be focussing on the skill of typing. The children will learn the correct hand placement for touch typing and practise this skill. We will continue to work on online safety within these lessons.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is 'Celebrating Differences'.

Geography



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In Geography we will be learning about Volcanos and how they are formed through tectonic plates. We will use compasses to look at where the Ring of fire is on a map and what are the positive and negative effects of living near a volcano especially when it erupts.

Design and Technology

This term in DT, Year 3 will be looking at the Cooking and Nutrition aspect of the National Curriculum. Our focus will be on eating seasonal foods. They will learn where different foods come from and why we import some foods. Children will learn technical knife skills to safely cut fruit and vegetables. They will end the term by making their own seasonal tart.

Music

In music, we will be introducing the children to new songs. We will listen to the music, consider how it makes us feel, try to identify different voices and instruments, discuss the genre of music and practising keeping the beat.

Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E., we will be studying Christianity and our focus question will be, 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?' Children will think about their own Christmas experiences and what Christmas means to them. We will learn about what Christians and Non-Christians believe about Christmas.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. Year 3 will be learning Gymnastics. We will be learning a series of rolls, floorwork, balances and how to travel safely on a mat. Then by the end of the term we will create a sequence to present to the class.

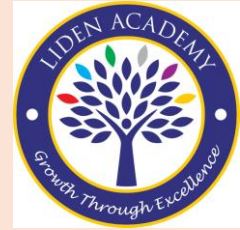
Important information

Year 3 P.E. is on a Monday. The day will change each term and parents will be told on next term's newsletter and via texts closer to the time. Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Homework will be sent home every Friday in a folder containing spelling and maths homework along with their reading records and library books. This folder must be brought back to school with the completed homework every Friday. Weekly spellings are also set on the website Spelling Shed for the children to access. They all have been given a login but please ask for a replacement if needed. Some children will bring home a phonics or accelerated reader book, please make sure they bring it to school everyday.



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If you would like to do anything extra at home with your child, reading every day and practising their times tables is the best place to start.

Below are some useful websites.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Miss Milroy, Mrs Bond and Miss Mangham