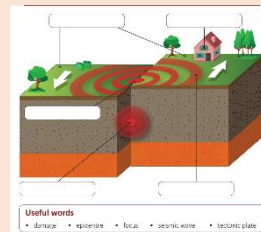


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YEAR 3 – Spring Term 2 – Earthquakes



English

In English this term, Year 3 will be looking at one non-fiction text and one narrative. We will be looking at how a non-fiction text is structured through the text 'Skeletons and Muscles' and then using 'The secret of Black Rock' to develop our descriptive writing. 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 reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', where we will be focusing on our fluency and comprehension.

Maths

This term, we will be looking at Fractions by comparing them and finding equivalents. We will also be using number lines to count fractions. We will then be moving onto Mass and Capacity, it is really important children learn how many Grams are in a Kilogram. We will be measuring Mass and Capacity and using our addition and subtraction skills.

Science

In Science, our learning this term will be centred around British Science Week (8th – 17th March). All science will be taught in this week. We will be continuing to learn about forces under the topic of 'Boats Through Time'. Children will find suitable materials, explain the forces on a sailboat, explain the forces on a paddle boat and create a boat that uses a propeller.

Computing

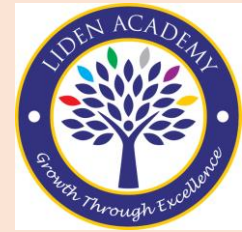
This term we will be learning about desktop publishing. The children will look at existing signs and then create their own considering font, colour, size and suitability for the task.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is 'Healthy Me'.

Geography

In Geography this term, Year 3 will be learning about earthquakes. They will recap their knowledge of tectonic plates and use this to understand how earthquakes happen. We will research the



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earthquake belt and how earthquakes are measured using the Richter scale. The children will learn about a case study of an earthquake in Japan and discuss the effects this caused. Year 3 will research how people who live near where earthquakes happen have adapted their lifestyles to survive earthquakes.

DT

In DT, Year 3 will be looking at the digital world. They are going to be researching and designing their own wearable technology. The children will use computer-aided design to enhance the design process as well as focus groups to evaluate their work.

Music

In Music, we are learning how to play the Recorder. We will learn how to hold and use a recorder correctly as well as, learning a few notes that we can then create our own songs.

Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E., we will be studying Christianity and our focus question will be, 'What is 'good' about Good Friday? We will look at the story of the Last Supper and what does Jesus' sacrifice mean for Christians in celebrating Easter.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. Year 3 will be learning how to play Tennis. We will learn how to hold the racquet and move towards the ball. We learn how to serve the ball and how to deliver and forehand and backhand.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – French

This term, Year 3 will be learning key vocabulary based around the phrase of 'I am able'. Children will learn 10 verbs in French and the correct article that goes with it. They will progress to saying what they don't like doing and using the conjunction 'but'.



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Important information

Year 3 P.E. is on a Friday afternoon. 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.

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/>

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