



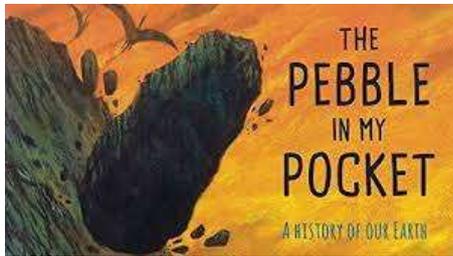
Year 3 Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone; I hope you have all had a lovely summer break.

In year 3, we have many exciting things in place to help with our learning.

English - In English we will be exploring the book 'The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady. This information book does what books should do: excite the reader's interest, curiosity and sense of wonder. The absorbing text and illustrations will take you through 480 million years of the pebble's journey, from the spectacular furnace of volcanic eruptions to the cool seashore and the grassy fields. Throughout the term we will explore different types of writing, including: Free Verse Poetry, Blackout Poetry, Narrative Recount, Explanatory Text, Writing in Role, Persuasive (Leaflet) and Information Writing. The children will be able to use the knowledge gained from the book and our other subjects, which directly link to the book, to inform their writing.



Maths - Throughout the autumn term, we will work on place value, this is a very important area of maths and will help within all areas, as it provides the children with the ability to understand the value of

each of the digits in a number thus supporting them when it comes to addition and subtraction. There will also be a focus on multiplication and the children will be given the chance to revisit the times tables they have already learned, then build on their knowledge learning new times tables as they become more confident. We will also work on the rapid recall of our multiplication tables and the associated division facts, which will help the children in all areas of maths. We will spend time building on problem solving strategies, with the problems becoming increasingly challenging. We will continue to explore patterns and the relationships between different strands in maths.

Geography - Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.

During our topic we will be looking at the four layers of the earth, the different types of rocks, features of volcanoes, lines of latitude and longitude, earthquakes and tsunamis, compass points and maps. We will use the knowledge gained in our topic to help with our English and science work and vice versa, really embedding the learning we do.

RE - We will begin the academic year looking at the Domestic Church - where we will learn to understand the joys and sorrows of being at home and God's vision for every family. We then move on to Belonging - to know and understand that belonging to a group involves promises and rules and the meaning of the promises made at Baptism. We then conclude the autumn term with Advent - To know and understand the demands and joys of visitors and waiting for the coming of Jesus.



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PSHE - In term 1 - 'Being me in my World' which looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice. In term 2 - 'Celebrating Difference' focuses on similarities and differences learning about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict.

Science - We will be learning about rocks, soils and fossils. This unit is closely linked with our topic in Geography. The children will begin to learn about how to identify naturally occurring rocks and explore their uses, they will also explore soil and how it is formed and gain the skills to identify fossilised remains. We will also learn about the four layers of the earth, naming and identify different properties of rocks and describing and understanding key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biome and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle. By having this unit linked to our topic the children will begin to immerse themselves in the world of rocks and gain a wealth of knowledge within this area.



PE - For this term, our P.E day is a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has kit appropriate for both indoor/outdoor sessions. Also, as the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt to keep them warm. To keep everyone safe all jewellery should be removed on P.E days, this includes earrings.

Computing - To begin with, the children will be reminded of all internet safety rules in order to keep themselves and others safe while accessing the online world. Our first topic is coding, the children will begin to learn new terminology in relation to coding as well as gain opportunities to put what they have learnt in practise, culminating in them making their own computer programme.

Music - We are very lucky to have a specialist music teacher this term who will be coming in to do choir sessions with us. The children will learn about different singing styles, tempo, pitch and voice projection. The children will work together to make some beautiful music.

Homework - The children will be set weekly homework, this will be given out on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. This will include a mathematics task, an English task and a spelling task.

Reading - Encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and give them ideas for their own writing. Let us know how they are getting on with their reading at home; I will check their home/school diary and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

Practise spellings and times tables.

Mrs Filsell and Mrs Maye.

