

### Reading Books.

Children take their reading books and reading record books home every day. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers. Please read with your child on a daily basis and write your comments in their reading record books. **Please note that your child's book will not be changed unless the book has been read and you have signed the reading record book to confirm this.**

### PE

PE is taught by a PE specialist. Please ensure that your child's full PE kit is always in school and please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery in school. Thank you.

#### Asthma inhalers

If your child has asthma, please provide your child's class teacher with an inhaler to keep in school at all times.

#### Punctuality/Appointments

Please try to avoid booking any appointments during school time. Please ensure your child is in school on time to avoid a late mark in the register and missing any work. [The gate is open from 8.15am.](#)

#### Do you have any questions?

To keep our parents informed and up to date about any information that needs to be passed on, all teachers are available daily to speak to at home time after they have dismissed their children. Please liaise with your child's class teacher about anything that he/she needs to know about regarding your child. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please wait until the children have been dismissed. Thank you for your support.



Olive School

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Summer 1



## Volcanoes

The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** - We will be learning about Roald Dahl and concentrating on him as an author and his style of writing. We will also be writing formal and informal letters followed by performing and writing our own weather themed poems.
- **Handwriting** - Children will be practising their handwriting skills using the cursive style. Pen Licences will be awarded to children who use cursive handwriting accurately.
- **Maths** - This term we will be looking at bar graphs, including collating, reading and interpreting data. We will then move on to our fractions unit which involves understanding equivalent fractions, comparing fractions followed by adding and subtracting fractions.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Rocks and Soils'. The children will explore the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties and they will learn how fossils are formed.
- **Geography** - This half term, our topic is volcanoes. We will be discussing and learning about the locations of volcanoes in the world, the features of volcanoes, when and how they erupt and learning about life in volcanic areas.
- **Computing** - This half term, our topic is 'We are communicators'. We will learn how to use and write an email safely and how to add attachments to emails.
- **R.E.** - This half term, our topic is 'Living Like a Saint'. We will be looking at the different qualities that are required for saintliness and compare significant saints. We will then move on to learning about Ramadhan and the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr.
- **Art** - This half term we will be creating models of volcanoes, after carefully planning and understanding which materials could be used. We will also use experiments to create lava-like substances so that it looks like a real-life volcano. We will then evaluate our models so that we see what worked and what needed improving.
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent home by Friday. English and Maths homework should be returned by **Monday or Wednesday at the latest**. Thank you for your support with this.

What you can do to help

- **English** - Please do some research about Roald Dahl and encourage your child to read books by this author e.g. 'The BFG' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.
- **Maths** - Please continue to practise the times tables, as they are integral in many areas of Maths. Please also practise the division facts for the times tables e.g.  $28 \div 4 = 7$ .
- **Science** - Speak to your child about different kinds of rocks and soils. Your child could create a fact file at home and bring it into school after researching on the net. BBC Bitesize Science is a good source of information that your children could access for home learning.
- **Geography** - Please do some research about volcanoes with your child and any interesting facts and information can be shared with the class. Also, if you do go to the library with your child and find any books related to our topic, please do send them in with your child to share with their class.
- **Reading** - Please read with your child every day and ask questions to ensure a deeper understanding of what your child is reading. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school.
- **Spellings** - Please help your child to learn their weekly words so that your child is prepared for the weekly spelling test on Tuesdays. Also continue to practise the common exception words.
- **Homework** - Please support your child with his/her homework.
- **Dates for your diary:**  
Year 3 children will take part in a 'Big Iftaar' with St Joseph's children on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at Olive Preston.