

Class 3

The Bliss Charity School



Term 2

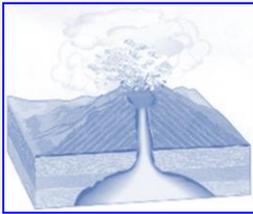


Dear parents/carers,

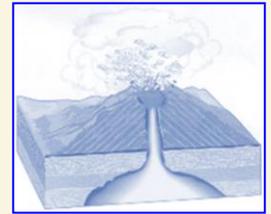
I hope you had a wonderful holiday!

All the children had a fantastic Term 1 and really enjoyed learning about the world's oceans. Term 2 is all about **Volcanoes** where Class 3 goes back in time nearly 2,000 years to the bustling City of Pompeii in Southern Italy. The class will study Mount Vesuvius and hopefully return to 2020 before its famous eruption! I'm sure all the children will *lava* learning all about vicious volcanoes!

Mr. Colton



Term 2 Topic: *Volcanoes*



The children will start the topic by going back in time to August 79AD and recreating life in Pompeii on the morning Vesuvius erupted. Using the drama as a stimulus, the children will then use the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit to produce topic-based written pieces in a range of genres.

Over the coming weeks, they will discover how volcanoes are formed and study their structure, before making their own 3D volcanoes. They will also learn about the structure of the Earth, how volcanoes erupt and about the Ring of Fire before creating their own ring of erupting volcanoes!



Our science unit for the term is Rocks and Soils, which links perfectly with our volcanoes topic. The children will learn about the rock cycle, different types of rocks and understand how fossils are formed.

In art and DT, the children will create Japanese-style volcano landscape paintings as well as making their own 3D volcanoes. To link in with our science unit, they will create natural art using rocks and also create artwork using chalk.

Other subjects ...

Numeracy: In Term 2, we will continue to cover the National Curriculum objectives, including calculations methods for division and multiplication. Any extra times table support from home will have a positive impact in these lessons.

Computing: This term, the children will be using the iMovie app on the iPads to create their own movie trailer for 'Escape from Pompeii: The Movie'!

RE: The children will continue to learn about Christianity and, towards the end of the term, they will study the Christmas Nativity.

Helping your child at home ...

Spellings: We will continue to send spellings home on Fridays and test them on the following Friday. In Term 2, we will start to look at spelling patterns to gain a better understanding and knowledge of word structure.

Times tables: The DfE are introducing an electronic times tables test for Year 4 children. For more details, visit <https://matr.org/blog/times-tables-test-parents-guide/>. To help reduce any anxiety and prepare the children for this test, we will continue to test the children every Friday using the 'Learn with Emile' times tables app on the iPads. By the end of Year 3 it is expected that children should be able to recall the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Reading records: In order to gain their reading certificates, the children need to keep reading **5 times a week**. We will continue to check the reading records on Monday mornings. Again, well done to all the children who have consistently read 5 times a week so far – thank you for all your support.

Homework: Every week, the children are expected to learn the times tables and spellings they have been given. In addition, they will still be given a piece of My Maths homework to complete online. After completing 10 weeks of My Maths homework, the children will get a certificate to celebrate their achievements. The children should complete this independently but if they have any concerns they can speak to me at any point or view the support lesson.

Class 3 information ...

- Dates for your diary:
 - 16th November – Odd Socks Day for 'Anti Bullying Week'
 - 27th November – Celebration Assembly
 - 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- PE: PE kits, including warm outdoor clothing and trainers to be worn on **Wednesdays**.
- PPA: Children will have *PSHE* and phonics on Friday afternoons during PPA time.