

**Dear Parents/Carers of
Year 3 Magpie, Hawk and Kingfisher classes,**
Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

This term, our topics are "Rocks" and "Earthquakes".

English

Class texts: The Iron Man; a range of newspaper articles; narrative poems (e.g., those by Michael Rosen); information books about earthquakes

Writing genres: newspaper report; narrative poetry; explanation texts
Punctuation and grammar focus: using the correct form of "a" and "an"; using the present perfect forms of verbs; punctuation direct speech
Spelling focus: using words from the Year 3- & 4-word list within our writing.
We will continue to learn the skills of planning, editing and re-drafting our writing.

MFL

In Spanish, we will be discussing meals using fruit nouns.

Maths

- Continuing to recap and solve problems using written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Time
- Fractions
- Measuring lengths and perimeters

Science - Rocks

This is Ms Sharrock's favourite topic! We will be learning about the different types of rocks (igneous; sedimentary; metamorphic) and how to classify rocks based on their properties. We will also learn how people use rocks.

Geography - Earthquakes

We will learn about the layers of the earth, what causes earthquakes and what causes volcanoes to erupt. We will answer the enquiry question - "Why do some earthquakes do more damage than others?"

Art - Working with shape and colour

We will be exploring different ways of working with stencils and collage in response to works by other artists.

PSHME - Health Education

- The difference between physical and mental health
- Talking about our feelings
- Healthy eating
- Personal boundaries and healthy relationships
- The process of growing from young to old.

RE - Sikhism

We will be learning about the three important rules that Sikhs follow, the story of Guru Nanak and celebrations that are special to Sikhs.

PE

Outdoor sessions: cricket Indoor sessions: athletics

Computing - desktop publishing

Trips: We will be visiting the Natural History Museum to complement our learning in Science and Geography.

Ms Lewis - Magpie Class

Mr Campbell-Warner - Hawk Class

Ms Sharrock - Kingfisher Class



PE this term

Magpie: Wednesday and Thursday

Hawk: Tuesday and Friday

Kingfisher: Monday and Friday

Please come to school wearing clothing suitable for PE (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

Reading & Home Learning

It is important that all children are reading regularly. **Please prioritise reading at home with your child.** You can read any books you have at home, the Bug Club books your teacher sets or a book your child has borrowed from the class reading corner. Your child could read on their own, out loud to you or you could read to your child.

Additionally, each week, the children are set a maths task (Sumdog), a reading task (BugClub) and a spelling activity (Weduc).

Every two weeks, the children are given two Me Book tasks (paper copy).

You can choose to do as much of these tasks as you feel is appropriate for your child.



Logins

All login details are in your child's Special Me book. Please make a note in your child's Me Book if you need this information reissued.