



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: Willow Year 3

Teaching team: Miss Whiteman, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Harding, Mrs Brannigan, Mrs Hyde

Curriculum News — Autumn 2016 Topic: Volcanoes and the UK

English

Spelling focus: topic words, high frequency words, phonic recap, prefixes, suffixes, plurals, soft and hard 'c' & 'g', silent letters, -tion & -sure endings, double consonants, 'le' 'el' & 'al' endings, 'c' & 'ck' endings, red words.

Grammar focus: Sentence punctuation, verb tenses, prepositions, connectives, speech marks, comparative and superlative adverbs.

Reading: Guided reading linked to topics, class reading books, comprehension and fluency

Writing genre – Year 3 Performance poetry, Stories with familiar settings, Information texts, Iron Man book study

Poetry recital competition – Week 1

Science

Plants

- Identify and describe functions of parts of flowering plants
- Explore requirements of plants for life
- Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants
- Explore pollination, seed dispersal and the life cycle of flowering plants
- Explore the role of bees in pollination

Suggestions to support learning at home

- Keep the daily spelling routine going, completing 4 activities a week.
- Read with your child often so they can practice their fluency and expression.
- Keep practising times tables
- Help your child to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks.
- Plant a seed and watch it grow, remembering what it needs to survive.

Events

- Poetry recital competition – Week 1
- Volcano topic outcome - date tbc

Maths

- Developing quick recall of times tables (x2,5,10,3,4,8)
- Developing written calculation skills with numbers up to 3 digits, using the column method and partitioning
- Mental skills include doubling, halving, number bonds to 100 and adding/subtracting two 2-digit numbers
- Using inverse relationship to solve missing number problems
- Measures including length, mass, capacity, money, time (digital and analogue) and fractions
- Interpret and present data in bar charts & pictograms
- Drawing 2D shapes and recognising right angles

Foundation subjects

Geography: Topic – Volcanoes

- Investigating how volcanoes are formed, how and why they erupt and what the effects are
- Researching famous volcanoes around the world and their eruptions

Geography: Topic – UK

- Investigating which countries make up the UK and the location of key cities.
- Learning about neighbouring counties and the different landscapes within the UK
- Comparing human and physical landmarks and icons of Great Britain

Art: Clay sculpture in the style of Henry Moore

DT: Sewing skills and cross stitch

RE: Stewardship, Signs and Symbols, The Son of God

PSHE: New beginnings, Making friends, Talking School

ICT: Communicating information, Multimedia and the Internet to research topic work, Scratch

PE: Travelling in gymnastics, Dance

Games: Ball skills and ball games

Music: Singing, Rhythm and Percussion work

French: Self and Family, Numbers and Shapes, Colours, Weather, French culture and Transport

Messages

- Please bring in a labelled art overall
- Willow PE/Games is on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Spellings are handed out on Monday and tested on Fridays. The yellow spelling homework book lists different activities to complete each evening at home.
- Reading record checked on a Friday - minimum of 3 adult signatures per week
- Homework due back in on a Thursday
- Unfortunately, cakes and sweets are no longer allowed on birthdays.
- Any parental offers of help will be gratefully received.