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Dear parents/carers of Year 3 pupil,

Welcome back after what we hope has been a restful October half term. This term children will learn the skills of geologists when they begin to explore our new learning topic named Shakes and Quakes. In this topic children will discover where volcanoes come from, study tectonic plates and begin to understand the different layers of the Earth.

English: Our writing this half term will be inspired by Philip Pullman's fantastic book 'The Firework-maker's Daughter'. Children will get the chance to develop different writing skills as they create poems, newspaper reports and stories.

Maths: Children begin this half term building on their addition and subtraction knowledge, moving to challenging problems involving adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers. Children should begin to have confidence in choosing the appropriate strategy – mental or written – appropriate to the problem they are solving. Our timestable focus this half term is the 8 timetables.

Geography: Children will use maps to locate volcanoes around the world. In addition children will explore how volcanoes are formed and the different types of volcanoes that exist. When exploring earthquakes, children will learn how tectonic plates move and cause seismic activity.

Art: This half term Year 3 will use different textiles to create a large 3D volcano. Children will also explore creating tone and shade using pastels. Finally, children will represent the volcanically active areas of the earth using collage.

Science: Children will look at and investigate the different types of rocks, how they are formed and explore different ways rocks can be classified.

R.E: Children will continue studying the major world religions this half term by learning out Christianity in the build up to Christmas.

P.E: The children will be developing skills in gymnastics and a team sport.

Homework:

Each week the children will be given sheets that they can complete in their homework book.

Reading – it is essential that children read regularly so that they become strong readers with a love for reading.

Maths – every Friday children will receive maths problems which they can solve on their sheet or in their books.

Spelling – every Friday new spellings will be given out, with a spelling test the following Friday.

Projects - your child will be set Home Learning Projects. We are looking forward to seeing how the children make progress with this term's topic both at school and at home.

Kind regards,

Mr Lord, Mrs Whyte and Mrs Abey