

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 3 – Term 3 – Curriculum Letter

What another brilliant term in Year 3, with Christmas Productions, supporting local charities and more! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends and that you stay safe during the festive period. Throughout Term 2, we learned about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the importance of the railways in History, explored rocks and fossilisation in Science and improved our mastery of drawing and design techniques in Art. Next term, Year 3 will begin their **Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes study with a focus on Geography**. This area of study provides children the opportunity to build on their knowledge of maps, atlases and globes. We will be finding out about how the Earth is formed, what a volcano island is, where they are in the world and what happens when a volcano erupts. We will explore what causes an earthquake, how they can be measured and how buildings can be engineered to make them strong enough to withstand earthquakes.

In **Geography**, we'll be finding out:

- About how the Earth is formed
- What the layers of the Earth are called
- How mountains are formed
- What causes an earthquake and how they can be measured

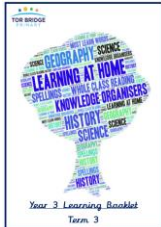


In **English**, the children's writing will be based on stories from other cultures and we will use the African tale 'Fly Eagle Fly' by Christopher Gregorowski to influence their ideas. Towards the end of the term, the children will then be given the opportunity to write their interpretation of a traditional tale using Michael Morpurgo's version of 'Hansel and Gretel'. In their Whole Class Reading sessions the children will be studying 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

When in **Maths**, the children will be solving addition and subtraction problems using mental strategies and will then move onto interpreting data using bar charts and pictograms. Finally, in **Science**, the children will describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants and what they require for life and growth. This will allow them to build on their knowledge from Year 2 where they described how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.



## Learning at Home



In Year 3, the homework expectations include **reading at least three times a week** and **practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day please** and will be marked each Thursday.

Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

PE this term will be on a **Thursday** for 3SB. Lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle. Children are encouraged to wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

We say goodbye to Miss. Foster during Term 3 whilst she visits a different school, but she shall be back with us again after the half-term break. We are lucky for Miss. Whitby to be joining us in 3SB for the duration of Term 3.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Miss. S Burring  
Teacher

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TLA

Miss. C Whitby  
School Direct Trainee

