



Akrotiri School

Y3

Autumn Term 1 - Information Guide
2019



Our learning this term

Our topic is 'Tremors'

English – Our Literacy focus on historical narratives, we will be reading, exploring and writing a story about Pompeii. We will also be writing newspaper reports and diaries.

Maths – Our work on place value will develop over this half term as we move onto finding numbers to 1000. We will then revisit calculation with a focus on addition and subtraction, building on the knowledge we gained during Year 2.

Science – Our 'Tremors' topic will take us through a unit about volcanoes, rocks and fossils. We will explore rocks by being 'scientists' and looking at them through magnifying glass!! We will find out about how rocks are formed and carry out simple tests to see the effects of erosion.

Other subjects- Geography and History will be a focus of our topic work this half term. In Geography we will find out where in the world volcanoes are and where earthquakes take place. We will find out what causes both of these events and the damage that can be done. The volcanic eruption in the ancient city of Pompeii will be our focus in History and this will lead us into finding out about what it was like to live during Roman times.

VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

Our topic will culminate in the 'Express' part of our curriculum taking place in the Roman Ruins Curium. Here we will visit the entire site, with particular attention to 'The Earthquake House' seeing how there is evidence of the earthquakes destructive power hundreds of years after the event.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

HOMEWORK: A new homework sheet has been attached to the reverse of this letter with varying levels of challenge.
Homework should be brought into school as it is completed.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE indoor: Thursday Y3K
Friday Y3B

PE outdoor: Wednesday Y3M

Swimming- Tuesday

Library- Monday Y3K + Y3M
Friday Y3B

READING

It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work to improve their reading skills through individual, shared and guided reading sessions. The children take a quiz each time they complete a book to assess their level of comprehension.

SPELLING

An appropriate level spelling list will be sent home each week. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home.