

Doors will open at 8.45am for children to be in school and ready to start learning at 8.55am.

Attendance and punctuality are essentials – aim to be here, on time, every day!

Enjoy \* Learn \* Succeed

**3M - Mr Murphy and Mrs Randell**

**3ML – Miss McLarnon and Mrs Walsh**

### Learning Quotes

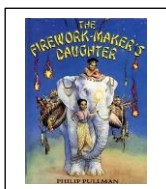
The best way of learning about anything is by doing

Richard Branson



### ENGLISH

This half term we will be learning how to write an explanation text, a story with a magical theme and a rhyming poem. The focus for our explanation text is volcanoes and how they erupt. We will be learning the key features of an explanation text; sub-heading, headings, diagrams, glossary and technical vocabulary. For our story, we will be reading, “The firework-maker’s daughter” by Philip Pullman. Finally, we will be writing a poem with rhyming couplets.



### MATHS

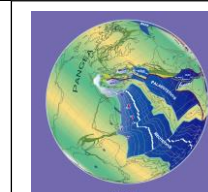
Our learning this half term is to recall and use multiplication and division facts for 3, 4, and 8 times tables. Also, to be able to multiply and divide 2 digit by 1 digit number. Knowing their times tables is very important, so we will continue to challenge the children to recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. In addition, being able to explain **how** a number sentence or problem is solved is crucial, so we will continue to model the steps to achieve this.

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3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

### Learning Challenge

#### What makes the Earth angry?

We have started out challenge with a fantastic visit to MAGNA where we learnt how to make a volcano erupt! We will become scientists and identify which rocks are found in volcanoes. We will become historians and find out which was the first recorded volcano. We will also explore how we have improved our research and cope with erupting volcanoes! We will also become geographers and explore other natural disasters.



### PE

Our P.E. lessons take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has an indoor **and** an outdoor P.E. kit in school which is fully labelled. During our Tuesday lesson the children will be learning tag rugby and learning how to work as a team. During our Wednesday lessons the children will be learning the rules and skills needed to play football. This lesson may be taught outside so your child will need a pair of warm joggers and a warm jumper/fleece.

### RE

Question – Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation? The children will use the Bible to retell Bible stories when miracles have happened and question whether Jesus really did perform miracles.

### FRENCH

We will continue to learn the French language. We will focus on learning our numbers, days of the week and greetings.



### MUSIC

During our music lessons we will sing, play and learn to compose songs. Will also appraise Reggae music. Every Friday afternoon we will continue to learn how to play the ukulele.



### READING

The children take their reading books home every evening and we would ask that you spend 5-10 minutes listening to them read. As the children are reading with fluency, we would ask you concentrate on questioning your child, to develop their comprehension skills. For example, ask your child to explain the meaning of words in context or new words, identify key details using the text, justify ideas – how does ...? what makes...?, which words...?, why do...?, predict – I predict..., I wonder if..., I think....

### PSHCE

In PSHCE we will be learning about strengths and challenges. The children will learn how to celebrate their achievements and how to set personal goals. We will learn how to deal with put-downs and then learn about positive ways we can deal with set-backs.

### DIARY DATES

School closes – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

School opens – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be linked to our Learning Challenge question. Spellings will also be sent out and asked to be returned by the following Tuesday.