

Year 3 Newsletter

Welcome!

Welcome back to Carleton Park! It is lovely to have you back in school and moving to your new class: Year 3. In this newsletter, you will find information relating to this half term's learning. Our reading canon book is "The Firework Maker's Daughter" by Philip Pullman and introduces our new topic on volcanoes.

Core subjects

In maths, we will be completing a range of fluency and problem-solving questions around place value. Ensuring we are recapping the skills we learnt in Year 2 and using these skills to help our new learning concepts in Year 3. We will also be continuing to practise our arithmetic skills which we will then use during our arithmetic tests weekly.

In English, we will be developing our retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills and challenging ourselves whilst developing a clear understanding of our class book. Alongside this, we will be revisiting important core grammatical skills and using these to help improve our writing.

In Science, we will be working scientifically to secure knowledge about different types of rocks.

Curriculum

In Geography, we will begin to understand the world around us through learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will also look at the Ring of Fire and discuss why it is located where it is.

In History, we will be researching the Romans and understanding the impact they had on modern Britain.

In Art, we will be researching watercolours, mark-making and looking at the illustrator Peter Bailey.

In DT, we will be looking at the Industrial Revolution. As well as researching different inventors and inventions.

In RE, we will begin to look at Hinduism.

In PE, we will be understanding which muscles are needed to help us move by completing various fitness activities.

Finally, in Spanish, we will start to learn how to say simple greetings.

Homework

Each week, your child will be given spellings and times tables to work on at home. Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. There is an expectation in Year 3 that all children complete their 10 minute "garage" session on TTRockstars each week; this will be related to the times table focus for the week.

The reading raffle will continue to happen throughout the half term for the chance to win a book; to gain a ticket, your child must read with an adult at least 4 times a week. Reading records will be checked weekly on a Monday; please record the total number of minutes read each day. Reading books from home require a quarantine period, children will be able to place their reading books in the box in the class and can swap their books at any time.

Optional homework will be available for the children to complete should they wish, these will include a variety of activities based around our topic of volcanoes and the Romans. Where possible, homework should be completed and added to your portfolio on ClassDojo rather than being sent in to school.



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PE

- Our PE day is **Tuesday afternoon**.
- Due to current restrictions in school, children are asked to bring in their trainers for PE. Currently there is no requirement to send in a PE kit.
- Earrings need to be taken out before PE sessions; long hair will need to be tied up.

Daily Mile

- All children will aim to complete the daily mile every day. School shoes should be appropriate (non-slip).

How you can help your child

- Arrive in their class line by 9:00am unless they have a younger sibling.
- Ensure they have full, clean uniform with correct footwear.
- Bring in a named water bottle.
- Ensure your child has read their book at least 4 times a week and records have been signed by an adult.