



YEAR 3 – Summer 2

OUR TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM:

In Geography, we will be learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes, including what the Earth is made of, how volcanoes are formed, how they erupt and the effect they have on people and the environment.

In Science, we are learning all about plants. We will explore the different parts of a plant and learn the technical vocabulary associated with plants. We will also explore the life cycle of flowering and non-flowering plants. We will also conduct a fair experiment where we attempt to grow sunflowers.

In Design and Technology, we will be looking at what contributes to a healthy diet. We will also be making products and designing packaging for focaccia bread.

In History, our focus will be on Ancient Greece. We will explore elements such as democracy and philosophy as well as learning about wars between the city-states and the rise of the Greek Empire.



Our final Spanish topic will cover 'All about us'.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

You can use these websites to find out about your child's learning at home.

[Plants - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize](#)

[How do plants grow from a seed? - KS2 - The Regenerators - BBC Bitesize](#)

AUTHOR OF THE TERM:

KATIE AND KEVIN TSANG

Our authors of the term are husband and wife team: Kevin and Katie Tsang. Their books are full of adventure and include dragons!



WRITING: Ancient Greece

We will plan, write and perform a script advertising the first ever Olympic Games to be held in Ancient Greece.

We will then focus on persuasive language by writing a leaflet encouraging tourists to visit Ancient Greece.



OUR TEXTS:

In whole class reading, the children will continue reading The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover by Stephen Davies, answering retrieval, inference, vocabulary, prediction and summarising questions as well as developing their reading fluency.

HELPING AT HOME:

- It is important you help your child practise their times tables at home. Times Table Rockstars logins remain the same, children should have these in their reading records. If you would like another copy please ask at the classroom door or via Dojo.

KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of time, shape (including 2D and 3D shapes) and statistics where we will be focusing on pictograms, bar charts and tally charts.



You can support your child by exposing them to clocks (both digital and analogue) and talking about time at home.



We will continue consolidating counting in 2's, 5's and 10 and practising our 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as learning the 6, 7 and 9 times tables.

Children will continue practising their timetables on TTRS. In preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check, please ensure your child practises 3x weekly at home.

We will continue to use Testbase to improve the pupils' arithmetic.

USEFUL VOCABULARY:

Maths	Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horizontal Vertical Parallel Perpendicular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympics Ancient Greeks philosophy



[What are volcanoes? - BBC Bitesize](#)
[Explore earthquakes - BBC Bitesize](#)
[What are earthquakes? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Paint the Squares - Interactive Number Charts \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

- It is important that you read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times per week). Please remember to sign your child's reading record every time you read. Reading records should be returned to school every day so that we can read with your child.
- Reading records must be brought into school every Thursday so that reading books can be changed.
- New spellings will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned the following Thursday.

Science

- Roots
- Stem
- Nutrients
- Photosynthesis
- Pollination

Geography

- Tectonic
- Plate
- Volcano
- Magma
- Mantle
- Eruption