#### **Important Dates**

Fri 31st Ian W/B 3rd Feb Fri 7th February Fri 7th Feb Weds 12th Feb Half Term Mon 24th Feb Tues 25th Feb W/B Tues 25th Feb Technology Week Tues 25th Feb Weds 26th Feb Thurs 5th March Sun 8th March Wed 25th March Thurs 2nd April Fri 3rd Apr

Maths games at 2:50pm Life Bus in school PTA KS2 disco 6:45pm Year 3 Festival of Literature 2:00pm School Council Picture Book Award 2:00pm 17th - 21st Feb 2020 INSET DAY Children Return to School Parent consultations 4:00pm — 7:00pm Parent consultation 3.30pm—6:00pm World Book Day (dressing as an adjective) Albert Hall Hertfordshire Gala Concert Year 3/4 show 2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3 Work Sharing 2:50pm Term Ends at 2.00pm

### Our Topic

This term our topic is Tremors! In science, we will be learning all about rocks; how they are formed, their properties and their uses. We will be linking our topic to geography by studying volcanos, earthquakes and tectonic plates. Our history focus this term will be the eruption of Mt Vesuvius and how Roman settlement in England has shaped our lives today. We will be getting creative in art and DT by creating our very own volcanos and aqueducts. In RE, we are focusing on the religions Christianity and Islam. This term, we will be looking at belonging to communities, the similarities and differences of prayer and the importance of worship and reflection in different beliefs in our PSHE lessons.



# Drop Off / Pick Up

Pick up and drop off will continue to be the same. Please remind your children that if they are walking to their siblings' classroom and their adult has not yet arrived that they need to return to their class teacher.

# Spring Term 2020

## General

Welcome back to year 3; we hope you had a lovely holiday and thank you for all the wonderful gifts received. We have lots of enjoyable activities planned to engage your children in learning this term. Our topic will be Tremors and will run for the whole of the spring term. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Pompeii, how fossils are formed and what makes volcanos erupt. This term, year 3 will also be participating in the year 3/4 production in which they will have the chance to showcase their fantastic singing and dancing skills.

Miss Hartley and Miss Nolan



#### Home Learning

Home learning and spellings will be uploaded to eSchools on Thursday afternoon and sent home in Home Learning books on Friday. These will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Tasks will vary between English, Maths and Topic based activities. Spellings 😹 will be tested on Wednesdays. These will be introduced in class the week prior to the test. Times

tables will also be tested weekly. The times table your child will need to practise will be written on their home learning sheet.

#### PE Kit

PE lessons will continue to be held on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that kit is in school all week and is clearly named, including footwear. If your child wears tights to school, please ensure they also have a spare pair of socks to wear in PE lessons.



This half term, the children will be taking part in netball learning about ball skills. In their other lesson, they will be taking part in gymnastics and dance.

#### Maths

This half term, we will be teaching the children a range of strategies to support them in learning and remembering their times tables. This will



include using arrays, repeated addition and fact families to help them understand the underlying concepts. We will then move on to working with fractions, including comparing and ordering. The children will also be taught the formal written method for multiplication. There will also be a focus on problem solving, using all aspects of their mathematical understanding.

# Reading

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books in your child's weekly guided reading session. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order

to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.



