

**The Teachers in Year 3 are:** Dazzling Dolphins: Mrs Miller and Mrs Dewsbury, Magnificent Monkeys: Mrs Sanchez-Rosemurgey.

**The Teaching Assistants are:** Mrs Grimes and Mrs Ali

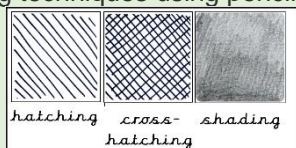
### Our Topic this Term is 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' Our mini projects are: 'Ammonite' 'Making it move' 'Forces and magnets' and 'People and places'.

Through our mini projects we will be exploring, Art and Design, Science and Design and Technology. Children will be practising with different drawing techniques and clay sculpture in Art. They will also be learning all about L.S. Lowry and creating the different techniques and styles he used through his artwork. In Design and Technology the children will be investigating how a range of mechanisms help objects move, focusing on linkages, levers, sliders and wheels. Finally in Science we will be experimenting with forces and magnets, learning about frictional and contact forces and studying magnetic attraction.

**English:** This half term we will be learning how to write a narrative, we will learn about the features of a story and apply them into our own writing. We will be using the knowledge we gained from creating a newspaper report last half term all about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the impact on people who lived in Pompeii.

#### How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

In preparation for our art topics please support your child in creating a piece of art work. This could be created using a range of drawing techniques using pencils and pencil crayons.



#### Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Turns and Angles
- Multiplication
- Division
- Measures
- Statistics

#### General Reminders:

**Home Learning:** Your child will be able to access home learning activities through Purple Mash. Your child will receive an email every week through the communication and email section on Purple Mash. Please read through the home learning sheet as this gives you the details on the activities.

**Spellings:** Weekly spellings will be on the home learning sheet for children to practise. Spelling test will take place every Monday.

**PE:** PE will take place every Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure children wear the appropriate PE kits (white tops, black bottoms and black plimsolls/trainers) when they come to school so they can participate in the lessons. Ear-rings must be removed at home on each P.E day.

**Reading:** Please continue to read your child's school book regularly and read with them on MYON.

**Water Bottles:** Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water only.

**Healthy Snack:** No snack is provided in Year 3. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) every day for a snack at play.

#### Useful Websites:

Alongside Purple Mash useful maths games can also be found at:  
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

BBC Bitesize is fantastic for all subjects.

#### Spring Dates for your Diary:

7th March: World Book Day

13th March: Year 3 Parental Engagement – Handwriting

12th and 14th March: Parents Evening

15th March – Comic Relief

27th March: Year 3 Showcase

28th March: Easter Bonnet Parade & Last day of term

15th April: Return to school

**Any other Information** Year 3 have been chosen to take part in the Derby Book Festival this year. This half term the children will be involved in reading three books in class and judging their favourite. The books include 'Thunder Boots', 'Ingenious Edie, Master Inventor of Tiny Town' and 'Someone Just Like You'.