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Welcome back class 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2, I hope you've all had a lovely break.

This half term, our cornerstones topic is Tremors! During this half term, we will be learning all about volcanoes, earthquakes, rocks and how they are caused. We will be discovering the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters and their deadly effects. We will also be exploring the ancient city of historic Pompeii. Please see the new topic cover for more information.

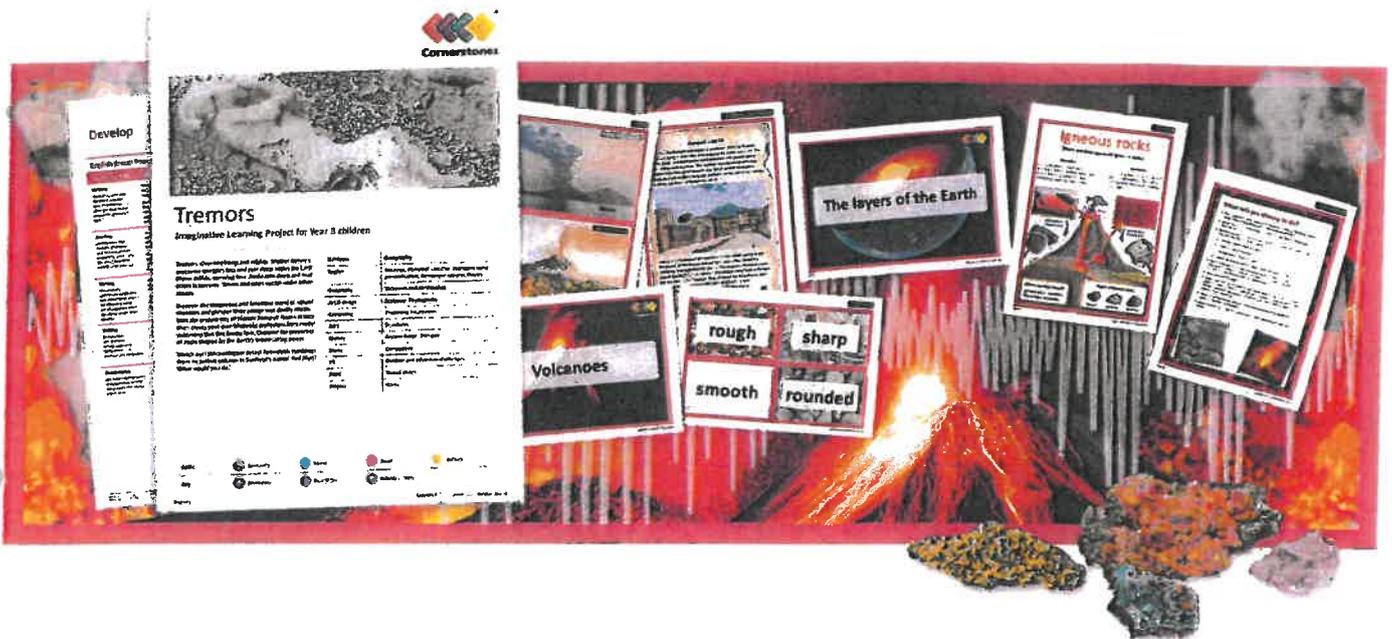
Just a reminder of important diary dates:

- Homework and spellings – Homework will be given out on a Monday. We expect this back in school for a Friday morning. Spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and are due in on a Monday, where we will carry out our weekly spelling test.
- Reading – We will continue to send a reading book home with your child, that is linked closely to their reading ability. Could you please aim to read with your child at least once a week and record this in their reading record. We are continuing to aim to fill our reading tree to earn some nice treats throughout the year!
- PE kits – Please send in a PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it at school throughout the week, we will return this home on a Friday. Our PE day this half term is Friday and we are continuing to go swimming **every Thursday**.

I am looking forward to all of the exciting things we have coming up this half term!
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Many Thanks
Miss Turnock

Tremors



What happens when the Earth shakes? In this project, we'll find out about the dangerous world of natural disasters and their deadly effects.

This half term we'll gather rock samples, find out about different types of rocks and sort them according to their properties. By carrying out research, we'll investigate the Earth's layers and the location of volcanoes, discovering what causes them to erupt. We'll write powerful poetry inspired by our work on volcanoes. Working as archaeologists, we'll locate Mount Vesuvius on a map and find out what it was like to live in Pompeii during the eruption. Using our model making skills, we'll build earthquake-proof structures and test them out. We'll also use different modelling materials to create a volcano – watch out, it's going to blow!

At the end of the ILP, we'll create digital presentations, so you can see all of the exciting things we've learned about.

ILP focus	Geography
English	Recounts, historical stories, newspaper reports, poetry
Geography	Volcanoes and earthquakes
Art & design	Sculpture, photography
Computing	Presenting information
D&T	Structures
History	Ancient Rome – Pompeii
Music	Composition
PE	Outdoor and adventure challenges
PSHE	Topical issues
Science	Rocks

Help your child prepare for their project

Earthquakes and volcanoes are fascinating forces of nature. Why not research famous earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, and plot the locations on a map? You could also hunt for rocks in your garden and sort them into groups by their appearance. Alternatively, you could build small structures from recycled materials and test them to see if they could withstand an earthquake!