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Year 3

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English

In English, year 3 began the spring term by learning how to write an explanation text to explain how volcanoes work.

Through reading comprehension linked to our theme Shake, Rock and Roll the children have learned about the workings of earthquakes, volcanoes and how fossils are formed. It has been great to see the children learning and using new vocabulary such as magma chamber, vent and tectonic plates in their answers.

The focus for spelling and grammar has been to spell with different prefixes such as sub and tele and auto and the children learning spellings in word pyramids and doodles.

Later in the term the children learned to write instructions for how to make a 3d model volcano.



The children have also learned how to write recounts of real -life events. The children learned to write paragraphs in chronological order including exciting adjectives, verbs and adverb to add interest to their writing.

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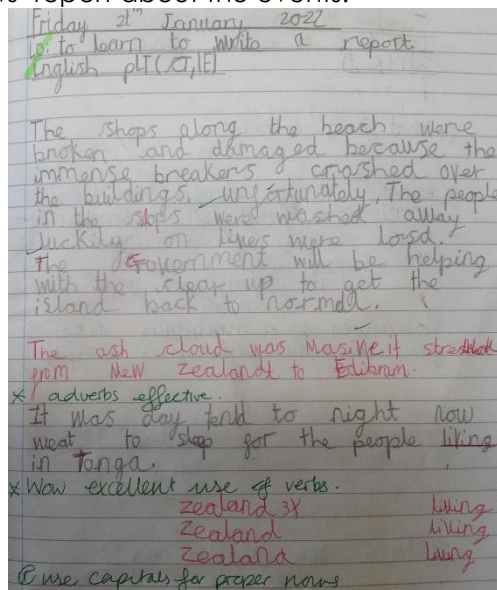
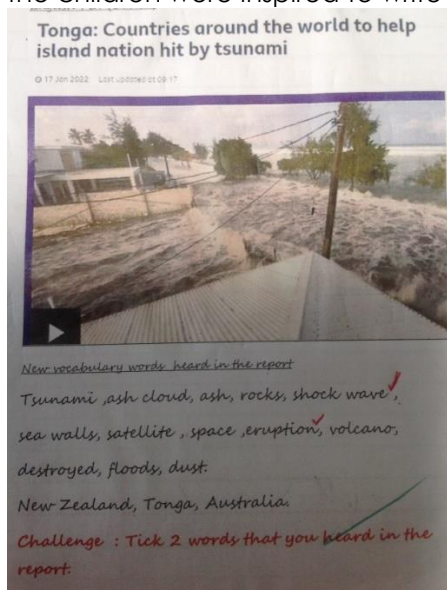
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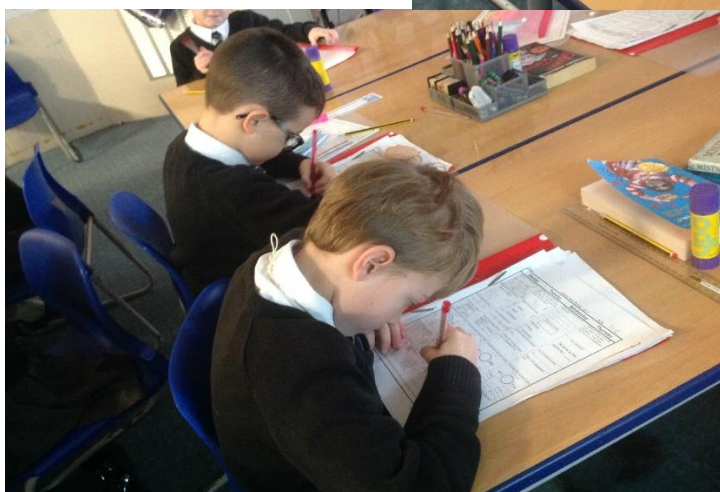
After watching a news report about the tsunami on the island of Tonga, the children were inspired to write a news-report about the events.



Once their writing is completed the children have begun to mark and improve their written work using a marking ladder. Year 3 really enjoy working together to use dictionaries to edit spellings and find the meaning of words. Teamwork skills are always needed to work with a partner and suggest improvements to each other's writing.

Math's

In Maths the children have continued to develop their skill and confidence working with number facts in Spiral Maths.



Year 3 are keen to practice in their times tables books. Our chanting of times tables out loud is making a difference to the children's quick recall of facts.

Our main maths focus in spring term was to learn how to use arrays to multiply and divide. The children then used this knowledge to multiply a two digit by a one-digit number using the expanded and short written method.

The maths theme then linked to dividing 2 - digit numbers by a 1- digit number. using partition into hundreds, tens and ones.

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Later in the term Year 3 learned how to measure and compare lengths. They have converted centimetres into metres and millimetres and learned how to find the perimeter of 3d shapes such as rectangles and squares.

Science

In Science year 3 have learned all about rocks and minerals as part of their theme Shake Rock and Roll.

The children have observed and learned the names of different kinds of rocks such as flint, granite, slate, and obsidian. They have learnt how to sort them into metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary. Later in the term the children learned about fossils and how they are formed.

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There was much excitement as the children carried out their experiment to create a volcano eruption with 3d models.



During British Science Week the children took part in an investigation to see if water could travel. There was great excitement as the children observed the coloured water moving

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R.E

In Religious education year 3 learned about the People of God in the Christian religion. They have looked at the bible and how it is separated in to the Old and New Testament. The children have learned how Jesus is represented in the bible and also discussed the different representation of him in artwork and illustrations.

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On St Piran's day the children learned about the story of St Piran and how it is believed he brought Christianity to Cornish people and also how he discovered tin while building a fire on Perran Sands. We learned how Cornish people celebrate Piran and about the significance of the black and white cross in the Cornish flag.

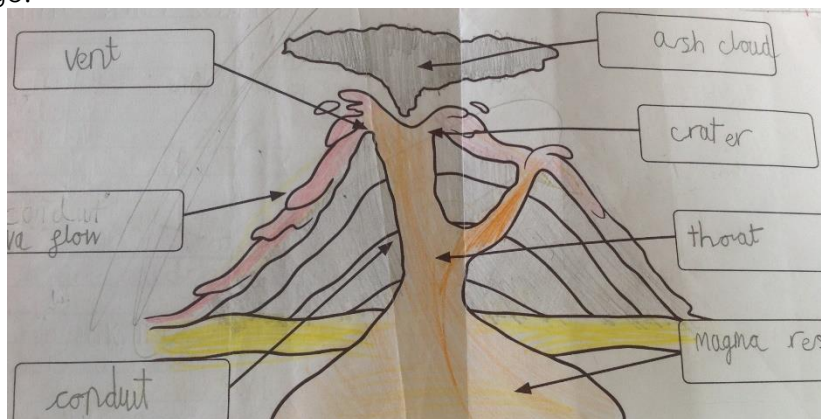
Computing

On our Internet Safety Day, the children learned how to keep safe on the internet at school and also at home through reading comprehension. Each day, the children are acquiring skills using the chrome book keyboards to complete their AR quiz and play TT Rock Stars and Sumdog challenges.

Geography

Geography has been a strong theme this term. Year 3 have shown enthusiasm for learning about the workings of a volcano, earthquakes and the effects of tsunami in places such as Tonga.

The children drew diagrams of a volcano and a cross section of the earth's core to share their knowledge.



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For our theme: Around the World in 20 Days, the children have learned to locate the different countries of Europe and find the countries that border France. They have discovered interesting facts about France, such as naming the capital city; Paris and learning how tall the Eiffel tower is.

The children loved using atlases to learn about the capital cities and learn about rivers and mountains in each country. The children have located rivers around the world and learned about the source of rivers and used atlas to find rivers such as The Nile and Danube

History

The history of volcanoes was of great interest to the children as they learned about the devastation of Pompeii in AD 79.

The children were thrilled to read an actual letter written by a man called Pliny who described the real-life events as he saw Mount Vesuvius erupt.

It was fantastic to see the children discussing the life of an important female from Black History: Rosa Parks. The children really shared thought provoking comments and ideas about how Rosa fought against segregation in Alabama, U

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P.E.

P.E has continued to be a highlight in Year 3 as they used the new PE equipment in multi -skills games

The children have been very lucky to be invited to take part in a series of dance workshops at Savvy Studios in Hayle.

Each week year 3 have learned contemporary and jazz routines. It is amazing to see the increase in children s confidence and their ability to perform as a group. The children's enthusiasm for dance has extended into the playground where they can be seen practising the d



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We have also had the exciting opportunity to work with Hayle tennis coaches for a morning session this term. The children were taught the skills of using racquet and rallying over the net. The children were surprised to see how quickly they could control the ball and send it to their partner.



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Art and Design

The children really enjoyed looking at volcano pictures and discussing the different techniques used. They went on to create their own volcano images using pastels to blend the colour and texture.

The children's knowledge of colour and texture was used when building a 3-d model of a volcano. It was a brilliant week for the children, reading instructions to create their volcano model. They followed each step to build the model using papier mache techniques with paint to decorate, ready for the final science experiment to create an eruption.



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Later in the term, year 3 learned about the French artist: Georges Seurat.

The children really enjoyed creating pictures in with dots in the style of

Seurat, which is called Pointillism.

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Design Technology

Farm and Country Day was a fantastic experience for the children, as they learned all about how farming and how food is produced in Cornwall. The children took part in activities such as: butter making, milking cows, skimming milk, making eggy bread and auctioneering sheep to name but a few.

Of course, tasting Cornish ice cream was a favourite with everyone.



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In PSHE lessons this spring the children have learnt about keeping safe, naming their emotions and to how to look after their mental health. Year 3 made worry cups to put in their worries and help them feel happier,



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Music

Year 3 have listened to music composed by Bach and Mozart as they work in class. They had great fun learning to sing the words to the contemporary song Three Little Birds by Bob Marley.

Modern Foreign Languages

In French lessons, the children have had great fun speaking the vocabulary with our resource: Rigoletto.

The children have learnt to count to twenty and also greet each other with words such as bonjour, como ca va and ca va bien.



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