



Where children come first

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Lower Key Stage 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Y3/4 families,

We're excited to share what your children will be learning about this term – and it's going to be quite an adventure!

Autumn 1: Back to the Stone Age – Could I have survived in the Stone Age?

This half term, the children will be stepping (barefoot!) into the world of woolly mammoths, cave paintings and stone tools. We'll be exploring what life was like thousands of years ago and asking the big question: *Could we have survived in the Stone Age?* Expect lots of talk at home about hunting, gathering, and possibly requests to swap the family sofa for a rock.

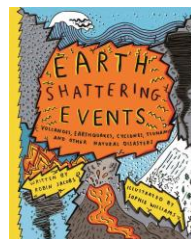
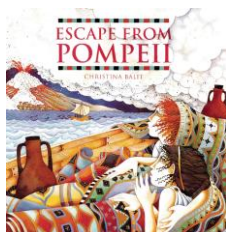
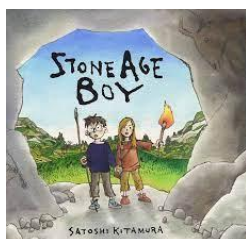
Autumn 2: Tremors and Terrors – What makes the Earth Angry?

After half-term, things will really start to rumble! We'll be discovering the power of earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis. The children will become mini-geologists, learning how our amazing (and sometimes grumpy) planet works. Don't worry – no real lava will be used in the classroom, though you may see the odd homemade "volcano" making an appearance!

It's going to be a lively, hands-on term filled with discovery, creativity and plenty of fun. We can't wait to see the children bring history and geography to life.

Class texts

This term, we will be reading the following texts to support our learning:







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Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is really important that the children get into good habits with home learning as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

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| <p>Regular Reading. Your child will have a reading book that they bring home with them each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children, or you, make at least 3 entries into their Reading Record so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.</p> |  |
| <p>Regular Times Tables Practice Children in year 4 will be taking part in the national Multiplication Check and therefore it is important that they practise their tables as much as possible. For children in year 3, it is great for them to get a head start and practise TTRockstars in school and at home.</p> |  |
| <p>Learning Spellings Each child will be set 10 spelling from the weekly spelling lists, which will be given in their yellow spelling book which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p> |  |
| <p>Learning by Questions Each week, your child may be required to access some home learning through LbQ. You will be able to find their login details in their Reading Record.</p> |  |

Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school, do well at times tables and 'level up' in Reading Plus. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



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PE days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

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| 3RM | Monday & Friday - OPAL & Dance |
| 3PL | Tuesday & Friday - OPAL & Dance - |
| 4RH | Tuesday & Friday - Swimming (Please send your child in their PE kit) |
| 4EP | Tuesday & Friday - Swimming (Please send your child in their PE kit) |

How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. We look forward to welcoming you into school in November for Parents' Evening. Letters and updates will be emailed and the website is regularly updated too. We're all available for a quick chat in the playground before and after school should you need to catch us; please do come and say hello. Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions.

Kind regards,
Mr Griffiths and the LKS2 Team



Mr McEvoy



Mr Lowman



Miss Powell



Mrs Hyatt

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