Year 3 Autumn 1
Curriculum Overview
The big question: What makes the Earth angry?

So what's it all about?
This half term we will be geologists! We will be investigating natural disasters and learning about the layers of rocks and soil that make up the earth.

Geography:
This half term our topic will be 'Are All Mountains Volcanoes? We will be looking at how mountains are formed and volcanoes erupt. We will be looking at where these natural phenomena happen and why they happen in those locations. We will also be looking at The Rocky Mountains.

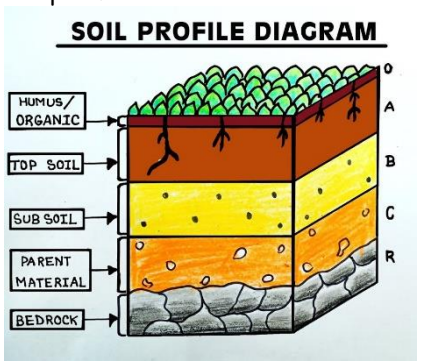


Art
In Art, we will be exploring painting and looking at the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh. We will focus on brush strokes and painting effects and then creating our very own volcano master pieces using Van Gogh as inspiration.





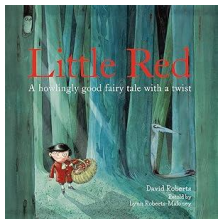
Science:
As scientists we will be investigating rocks and soils. We will be testing their permeability and studying fossils and the people who first discovered them. We will be taking part in lots of practical activities and recording our findings to help us understand the importance of rocks and soils and what they tell us about the past.



English:
We are very lucky to be going on our first trip of the year! On Wednesday 10.09 we will be going to Cannon Hall farm and using this to help us write our first English piece. A recount of the day.



All year we will base our writing on inspiring texts. For our second unit we will read 'Little Red' We will learn how to write an effective character and setting description using powerful vocabulary and really focussing on our punctuation, making sure we are using capital letters (for names and pronouns), full stops. We will use our descriptions to be inspired to we write our very own recreation of the famous fairy-tale.



Spellings
Our daily spelling lessons will continue to use the Little Wandle scheme however looking a variety of different spelling rules.

Our class stories


Every day the children will have the opportunity to listen to a story.
We will be reading different versions of Little Red Riding Hood to support our writing but also Bear Grylls Adventures: Volcano Challenge. We will also be looking at performance poetry reading Please Mrs. Butler.

Maths
As mathematicians we will be focusing on our understandings of place value. We will be using a variety of different resources, such as dienes blocks, place value cards, counters and many more to represent the place value of 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. As well, we will be practicing partitioning numbers in different ways and to find 1, 10, 100 less and more of any given number to help us with our deeper understandings.

Across the curriculum:
Our PE sessions are on a **Wednesday**. 3B have an extra session on a **Thursday**. We will continue with our Beyond Physical scheme and for the for 4 weeks we will look at hands, feet and equipment and then move onto to inspire, create and perform. Please make sure your child is in **PE KIT (plain t-shirt, shorts and trainer) otherwise they will be changed into spare school kit.**
In Computing we will create an amazing e-book.
In PSHE we will be looking at Mental health and emotional well-being (strengths and challenges).
In RE we will learn about how Jews remember God's covenant with Abraham and Moses.
In Spanish we will learn Numbers 0-10, how to use accents in greetings and we will learn Spanish songs and actions.