

## Class 3 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2026



Welcome back to the new year of 2026!

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas break and that you are looking forward to a new year ahead. This half term, our topic is 'Tremors: Earthquakes and Volcanoes' and we will be looking at geographical elements of these.

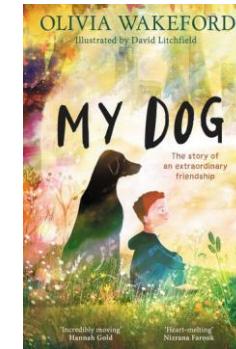
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### Reminders

- PE is every Monday and Wednesday
- Homework will be handed out on Friday and due in the following Thursday
- Reading three times a week at home
- Times Table practice three times a week at home
- Flutes need to be in school every Wednesday



### Class 3 Reading Book



### Times Tables

We are working hard to consolidate and increase our recall of times tables. Class 3 are responding well using times table songs and games.

Below are some links to these:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7rYbk9PNuM> (6 times table song)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF\\_vFAxwas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF_vFAxwas) (7 times table song)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z\\_BjR9rdwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_BjR9rdwA) (8 times table song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=154VoUQbgvc> (9 times table song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFal3089j5E> (12 times table song)

### Reading

In Class 3, we are developing our 'Love of Reading'. On Friday afternoon, we have some reading for pleasure time called 'ERIC – Everyone Reads In Class' and this allows children to choose any text of their choice. This may be a recipe, a magazine, a fact book or a narrative but if they would like to bring a text from home to read, then Friday is the day to do this.

Here are a couple of new books released for 7-11-year-olds:



## Y5/6 Spring 1 **Tremors: Earthquakes and Volcanoes**

### **English**

- Exploring four of the seven comprehension strands of reading (retrieval, commentating, vocabulary and summarising)
- Learning/recapping various grammar and punctuation aspects: word classes, expanded noun phrases, subordinating conjunctions and sentence types.
- Exploring and writing about the texts: Rumaysa – A Fairy Tale and The Whale

### **Geography**

- Describe and understand why earthquakes and volcanoes happen
- Explore where these geographical features usually impact

### **Maths**

- Learning to multiply by two-digit numbers and divide by two-digit numbers
- Multiply and divide using fractions (Year 5)
- Learn to use ratio (Year 6)
- Solve problems using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- Increasing our recall of times tables
- Developing our mental maths: multiplying by 10,100,1000; adding and subtracting decimals and rounding numbers

### **PE**

- Basketball skills
- Athletic skills

### **PSHE**

Health and Wellbeing: How can we help in an accident or emergency?

### **Languages**

- Recap numbers and apply them
- Learn the vocabulary linked to seasons

### **Music**

- Listen and copy notes on a flute
- Understand pulse and pitch
- Hone the skills of singing

### **Computing**

- Understand what databases are
- Explore creating flat file databases

### **Science**

- Group materials based on properties
- Explore dissolving and mixing different liquids and solids

### **Art and Design**

- Explore monotypes and understand why artists use them
- Create a monotype using different media and printing

### **RE**

- Exploring the big question: What do religions say to us when life gets hard?