

Class 3 update 31.1.25

Dear Families,

Well we have reached the end of January and it's been a very busy and industrious few weeks!

Over the last fortnight, we have been producing writing inspired by our Escape from Pompeii, this week focusing on describing the eruption itself. All of the work we have been doing so far in writing will culminate in an extended narrative piece inspired by the story.

In Maths we have moved on from multiplication and have focused on division skills – we have taken time to really drill down on these methods and hopefully the children are really starting to feel confident now. We have introduced short division (aka 'The Bus Stop method' aka 'The one your parents learned in school!') so feel free to practice this method with them – remember we are only in Year 3 and 4 though so keep the divisor to a single digit and to a times table the pupils feel confident with. Which brings me onto another thing.... Some pupils are finding this work difficult as they aren't secure on tables, especially when relating to division facts. For example, they may be able to count up in 2s confidently but they might find it difficult to answer how many twos are in 14. Times Table Rockstars is great for this as it allows practice for multiplication and division concurrently so please encourage your child to access this regularly at home – the work is also bespoke to each child to provide the ideal level of challenge.

In Science this week, the Class have been doing a range of really fun experiments with plants, examining different conditions and how they affect growth as well as using food colouring to explore how water is transported and lost in plants. In Art we have produced some incredible volcano collages which were made using a range of media including torn up coloured paper, charcoal and tissue paper for ash clouds!

Homework is as standard this week – three signatures in reading diary per week, spelling sheet and practice (plus - some times tables practice on TTRS please)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller