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## Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

This term your child will be focusing much of their work on learning challenges. Links with these will be made in Science, PSHE, RE, Geography, History, Music, ICT, Art, DT and English (where possible).

### English

We will be looking at the following texts; Escape from Pompeii, A tale of two robots and the water cycle.

We will be using these texts to write newspaper recounts, stories and poems.

### Maths

- Number, place value, approximation and estimation/rounding
- Calculations
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Measurements
- Geometry - properties of shapes
- Geometry - position and direction
- Statistics

#### Note to parents:

Please help your child to learn their 3x 4x and 8x tables.

### Geography Learning Challenge

*What makes the earth angry?  
(physical geography)*

### Science Learning Challenge

*What do rocks tell us about the way  
the earth was formed?  
(Rocks)*

### Computing / ICT

- Blogging Esafety
- Develop a simple database
- Digital music
- Data logger
- Use of word, publisher and PowerPoint
- Esafety

### RE

How are faith communities represented in Wigan?

How is Christmas celebrated in other cultures?

### Art and DT

Art - Drawing figures in action (linked to ICT)

DT - Making savory food using spices (linked to Geography)

### PSHE

We will be looking at anti-bullying. We will specifically be focusing this topic around verbal and physical bullying. We will also focus on keeping safe and anti-social and aggressive behaviour.

### MFL

Year 3 will begin to learn French this year. We will be covering the topics 'All about me' and 'Games and songs'.

### Homework

Please make sure you listen to your child read at least three times per week. Reading records will be monitored on Mondays and reading books will be changed when reading books have been completed.

Children should try to complete any homework set each week. Homework will be collected in on Wednesdays.

Times tables will be tested on Thursdays and spellings will be tested on Fridays. New spelling lists and timestables ones will be given out on Fridays.

### PE

We will be going swimming every Monday afternoon. Boys will need a towel and trunks and girls will need a swimming costume, cap and towel. Please can you ensure a P.E kit is in school at all times in the event of additional P.E lessons or activities.

### Music

Year 3 will be focusing on pop and r and b music this half term, using instruments and their voices.

### Healthy Snack

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school for playtimes such as fruit.

### Water

Please provide your child with a water bottle.

### Monster Points

Children are aiming to earn 100 points each term to take part in the end of year treat. Join us on Class Dojo so that you can see how many points your child has got and keep up to date with our activities in class.

**Teacher: Miss Swift**

**Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lloyd**