



## Betty Layward Primary School Year 3 Class Newsletter Spring 2 2022

Welcome to your child's second  
Spring half term in Year 3.

We' re looking forward to entering Spring and have lots of exciting learning coming  
up.

If you would like to speak to  
us, or make an appointment, please let the Year 3 teaching team know.

Emma, Tania and the Year 3 Team

For this half term, our topic is:

## Earthquakes and Volcanoes



During this Geography topic, we will:

- Gain geographical perspective by growing location knowledge.
- Understand that the world is shaped by physical processes which give rise to the physical features we see in spaces and environments.
- Understand how the crust and mantel are the same yet different.
- Know what leads to a volcanic eruption.
- Know what leads to an earthquake.

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## English

This half term we will be looking at:

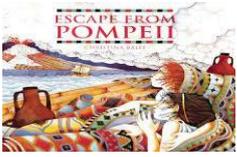
### Fiction

Setting description– Escape from Pompeii- Christina Balit

Suspenseful writing – Escape from Pompeii

### Non-fiction

Explanation text – What leads to volcano eruption?



## Mathematics

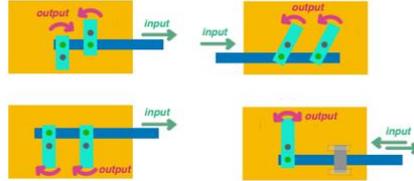
We will continue to be learning to be fluent in number. This will involve covering the following concepts:

- Understanding and measuring mass.
- Measuring capacity in millilitres and litres.
- Word problems to consolidate all learning on measurement.
- Understanding how to add and count money.

The children will also continue to develop their times tables knowledge.

## DT

We will be learning about: Levers



We will investigate:

- What do we know about levers?
- How to create a moving pivot?
- How are linked levers used in a variety of products?
- How to create a fold away barrier?

## Computing



We will be learning about: Animation

We will be answering these questions.

- What is an animation?
- Can a picture move?
- How do we create a storyboard?
- How can we use frames to create an animation?
- What other media makes an animation effective?

## PE

PE will take place on Fridays for both Emerald and Jade.

### Homework

It is very important that your child practises their times tables and spelling regularly at home. These core skills, combined with regular wide-reading will greatly support your child's learning at school.

At home, children should be reading something they enjoy. At KS2, most children are now reading to learn, rather than learning the fundamentals of reading. There is a great emphasis on discussing and comprehending the text.

It is important that they can answer questions by referring to the text, not trying to remember the answer. They must also feel comfortable to ask what words **mean** when they come across new words. They need to see it as an opportunity to develop their vocabulary which can be applied to their writing.

Homework tasks will be given out once a fortnight. Half-termly topic projects will also be given out to students to assist their learning in class.