

# Year 3 Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2026.



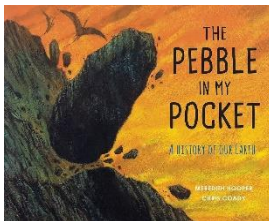
Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you are well and that you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. We would like to thank you for the kind gifts, cards and Christmas wishes received at the end of Autumn Term - we are very lucky teachers!

A polite reminder about uniform and equipment. Please ensure that ALL belongings are clearly named, if they are named they will always find their way back to the owner. In Year 3 children are welcome to bring in 1 pencil case that fits into their school tray, the pencil case should not include a calculator. Children should not bring toys or fidgets into school, when they are lost this leads to unnecessary upset; if a child requires a fidget or sensory toy in class the school will provide this. We appreciate your support in helping the children arrive to school ready to learn.

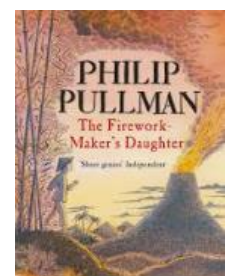
## **Tremors:**



Our topic this half term is called 'Tremors'. The focus is on science and geography. As scientists we will learn about different rock types and how they are formed. We will discover how fossils are made and create our own replicas to explore these processes. We will also carry out practical scientific experiments to assess the permeability and durability of a range of rock samples and to investigate soils. As geographers we will then make a model of the Earth showing how it is composed of layers of varying thicknesses, temperatures and materials. We will develop children's knowledge and understanding of the earth's crust, mantle and core. The surface of our planet is made of tectonic plates, and we will investigate what happens when these move together or apart. The causes of earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions will be investigated and we will learn about the celebrated English fossil finder, Mary Anning. In DT we will be learning about structures with a focus on reinforcing and strengthening and we will design and make some prototype bridges to withstand Earthquakes.



In English, our first text driver is *The Pebble in my Pocket*. We will be learning about the purpose of writing with a focus on informing and entertaining. Our second text is *The Firework Makers Daughter*. We will be thinking of our own ideas and writing the end of the story. We will be focussing on using different sentence starters, as well as using adverbs and interesting vocabulary.



In Maths this term we will be continue our learning on adding and subtracting. We will be learning the formal written method of column addition and column subtraction as well as continuing to use resources to help understand number.

In RE sessions, we will look at the question ‘How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?’ We will link our learning of Islam to our learning of Christianity last term.

Music – This half term the children are learning the recorder. Each class will have an hour a week over 3 weeks to learn basic music skills such as notes and rhythm to be able to play some songs.

**PE days:** 3A and 3B both on Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor).

Thank you for your support,

Miss Morris (3A) and Mrs Hannah Dupre (3B)

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Date	Event	Extra Important Info:
5.1.26	Spring 1 Begins! First day back after the Christmas holidays.	
15.1.26	Granite Products Trip	Children can wear their usual school uniform for this day. However given the nature of the site, (outside, cold, uneven ground) please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, with suitable footwear and clothing. Please do not book a hot lunch for your child for this day - they will need a packed lunch.  We will need two parent helpers – 1 per class. If you are able to help on this date please contact your child’s class teacher.
10.2.26	Safer Internet Day	
13.2.26	Last day of Spring 1	