



Year 3 Autumn Term 2nd
Half

Natural Disasters

Key Question: What makes
a natural disaster natural?

Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope that you enjoyed a lovely break and are ready for a busy but fun half term.

Our new topic is Natural Disasters. Within this topic we will be discovering lots about different types of natural disaster and how they can impact the lives of people.

Supporting learning at home:

- Encourage your child to read every day and record this in their reading diary. We would love the children to access a range of genres in their reading at home, including poetry, non-fiction and fiction. It would be wonderful if the children could familiarise themselves with some books based on natural disasters.
- Support your child to learn their spellings every week. We will be exploring a range of strategies in class that your child will be able to share with you. Our spelling test day is Tuesday and new spellings will be given out on Thursday.
- Use Hit the Button to help your child to practice the current maths topic or to help them to learn their multiplication tables.
- Encourage your child to continue to take pride in their appearance by wearing the correct uniform to school.
- Ensure that your child has a healthy fruit snack and a bottle of water in class every day.
- If possible, please send an old shirt (adult-size) with your child's name in to use as an Art shirt for when we are doing Art.

Dates for the Diary



- PE days are Monday and Wednesday
- Our natural disasters workshop is on Monday 17th November
- Our first parent sharing event will be on Thursday 4th December at 2:30pm

Please feel free to email or speak to me if you have any questions. The class email address is year3@barfordstpeters.co.uk

If you need to contact us regarding child collection on the same day then please use the school admin email address to ensure that messages are received.

Best wishes,

Miss Baker and the Year Three team

English

In English we will be learning:

- To ensure that we use the correct sentence punctuation
- To use a growing range of conjunctions to extend our sentences
- To use a range of adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing
- To edit our work and check for simple spelling mistakes
- To continue to work on joining our handwriting more consistently

Examples of texts which support the learning in our topic are:

- *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit
- Non fiction texts about volcanoes, earthquakes and other natural disasters

Maths

In maths we will be learning:

- To add and subtract numbers with up to 3 digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction
- To estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers
- To solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction
- To recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
- To apply our maths knowledge to different problem solving and reasoning questions

Geography



In geography this half term we will be learning about natural disasters. We will be finding out about how different natural disasters occur and the impact that they can have on people. We will be learning about different types of volcanoes and locating them on a map.

Art & DT



In Art we will be looking at the work of Rodin. We will be using charcoals to create our own portraits in the style of Rodin.

In DT, we will continue to explore levers and linkages. We will be designing and making a card with a moving part.

Science



In Science we will be learning all about animals including humans. We will be learning about the importance of nutrition and a balanced diet. We will also be learning about the human body and how our muscles work.

P.E.



In P.E. we will be learning a dance for our Christmas performance as well as completed some outdoor and adventurous activities. We will be developing our teamwork and communication skills through a range of activities.

Relationships & Health Education



In PSHE we will be looking at families and relationships. We will be thinking about trust and why this is an important part of friendship. We will also be thinking about stereotypes and how we can challenge these.

R.E.



In R.E. this half term we will be learning about why nature and the seasons are important for different worldviews. We will also think about the importance of nature and the seasons in our own worldview.

Spanish



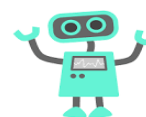
This half term, we will learn how to name ten different musical instruments and use them in affirmative and negative sentences. We will also revise the days and months of the year and explore how Christmas is celebrated in Spain.

Music



In music we will be learning the songs for our Christmas play. We will be practising learning the lyrics off by heart as well as singing in time to the music.

Computing



In computing this half term we will be learning about programming using 'scratch.' We will be exploring how this works and experimenting with some simple code. We will then apply this to creating an animation.

Here is an overview of the spelling rules and words we will be learning this half term:

Words with the prefix 'dis-'	disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree
Words with the prefix 'mis-'	mistake, mislead, misbehave, misspell, misplace, misread, mistrust, misunderstanding, misuse, mislaid
Words where '-ing', '-er' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words	developing, developed, limiting, covering, limited, gardening, gardener, covered, listening, listened
Words where '-ing', '-en' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, propelled, preferred, permitted, regretting, committed, forbidden, equipped
Challenge Words	centre, disappear, heart, minute, regular, decide, early, learn, notice, therefore