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Dear Year 3 Parents

Year 3's Spring topic will be called Fantasy Rocks. This topic will be based upon our English and Geography work. In English, we will be reading and basing our work upon 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We will be looking at developing our persuasive techniques, our ability to write a recount and lots of organisational skills that we can use in our writing. We will also be looking to link our Art to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will be creating their own magical sweets and chocolate, designing and printing their own wrapper.

The children will be studying earthquakes and volcanoes in their Geography lessons. This will include how these occur and a case study of one particular volcano. The children will also have the opportunity to make and erupt their own volcano within Design and Technology.

In the Autumn term we spent a lot of time going over basic calculation methods. Once a week, we will have a calculation lesson to ensure that these skills continue to develop. As well as this, the children will start to look at measurement, time and fractions. Again, a lot of this will be linked to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory so the children can be creative.

In Science the children will be learning all about plants and will have the opportunity to grow their own flowers and herbs. In the second half of the Spring term the children will be learning about Forces.

In R.E we will be studying Judaism, with a particular focus on their festivals.

Homework will continue to be given to children on a weekly basis. The children will receive spellings on a Friday which will be tested the following Friday. Children will continue to be expected to read a minimum of 4 times a week.

This term our PE will be swimming. This will be every Wednesday throughout the Spring term. Please make sure your child brings their swimming kit (no bikinis or extravagant board shorts please) and a towel every Wednesday. Girls with longer hair will also need extra hairbands to tie up as much of their hair as possible.

We are looking forwards to our learning this term and hope you are too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Marchment and Mrs Kempster